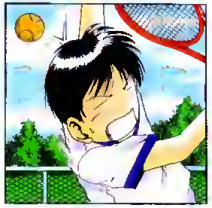

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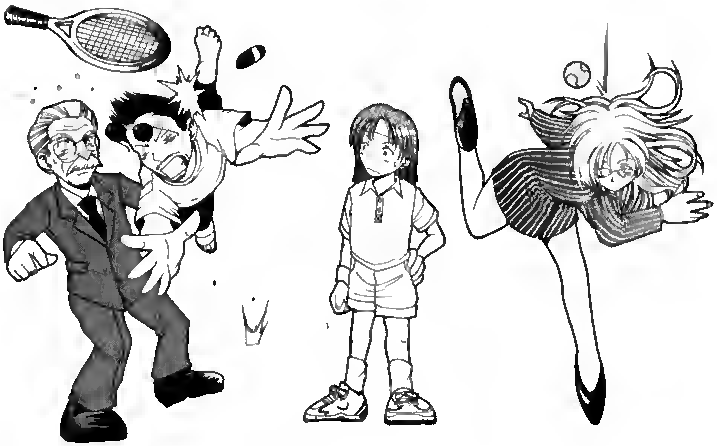
前巻まで

沖田剣はおフロ大好きの母、**紅**と二人暮らしの小学3年生。亡き父のウィンブルドン決勝のビデオを見て、テニスに強く憧れる。同じ小学校の5年生、**真田霞**の誘いで初めてラケットを握った剣。父、**沖田修二**のテニスへの熱い情熱は彼に受けつがれた。名門の**山野辺テニスクラブ**に入門した剣は、コーチの**館上**に指導されながらも自分のプレースタイルを模索していく。そこで出会う**二ノ宮**をはじめとする数々のライバルたち。対戦していくにつれ成長する剣が、今度は初の大会に臨む。スウェーデンに留学中の**新城**との対戦に挑むべく、順調に勝ち進む剣の目の前に、かつての父のライバル、**ジム・ステルス**が現れ…!?



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#9 The Seal That Was Able To Be Broken

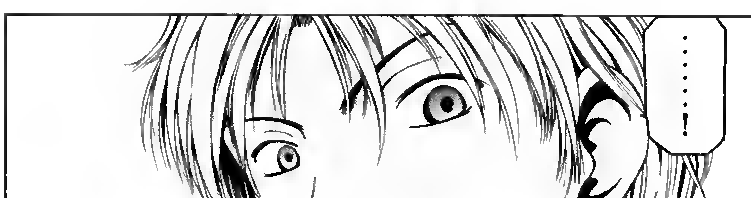
IT'S EMBAR-RASS-ING.
WHY DON'T YOU JUST STOP PLAY-ING TENNIS?
WHAT ...
WHY?!
I CAN'T STOP PLAYING TENNIS!!
WHY IS THAT?

I SEE... SO YOU'RE DOING ALL OF THIS WITHOUT KNOWING.
FINE THEN, I'LL TELL YOU...
WHEN I FIRST STARTED PLAYING PROFESSIONALLY,
THE SACRED COURT OF WIMBLEDON...
...WAS DEFILED BY YOUR FATHER!

YES ...
BUT WINNING THE SECOND ROUND MATCH WILL NOT BE EASY.
HOW IS IT? THIS MATCH?
AREN'T YOU BORED BY SUCH A LOW LEVEL?
HEHE...IT'S GOING TO GET SERIOUS LITTLE BY LITTLE.
ISN'T THAT A GOOD THING?
YES, IT IS A GOOD THING.
ONE SHOULD NEVER BE TOO LIGHT WITH THEIR TECHNIQUE, RIGHT?
HUH?
IT'S THE AMBIGUOUS SIDE TO VICTORY IN THE JUNIOR LEAGUE ...
IF YOU GET TOO CAUGHT UP IN AN EASY VICTORY...
YOUR EVOLUTION IN TENNIS ENDS THERE.

IN NUMEROUS COUNTRIES LIKE JAPAN, COACHES TEND TO PREOCCUPY THEMSELVES WITH TECHNIQUES THAT ONLY APPLY TO THE JUNIOR LEAGUES.
WE CALL IT THE "UNDER-VICTORY."
BUT, WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR IN TENNIS IS ABOVE THAT...WE'RE LOOKING FOR PRO TENNIS.
YOU'VE WON WITH OUT ANY TECHNIQUE, AM I RIGHT?
AND YOU, UP UNTIL NOW IN THIS TOURNAMENT,
WELL...
HOW IS IT?
HE'S... YOUR NEXT OPPONENT?
HM... IT'S NINOMIYA.
YOU KNOW HIM?
YES, A BIT.

WE'LL SEE IF THAT SIMPLE RACKET CAN CONTAIN HIS COMBATIVE DISPOSITION.
HE SEEMS CONFIDENT.
PREVIOUS WINNERS ARE ASKED TO ENTER THE COURT.
THE 3RD ROUND IS ABOUT TO BEGIN.
WELL...
IT'S YOU THAT I'M GOING TO HAVE TO FACE...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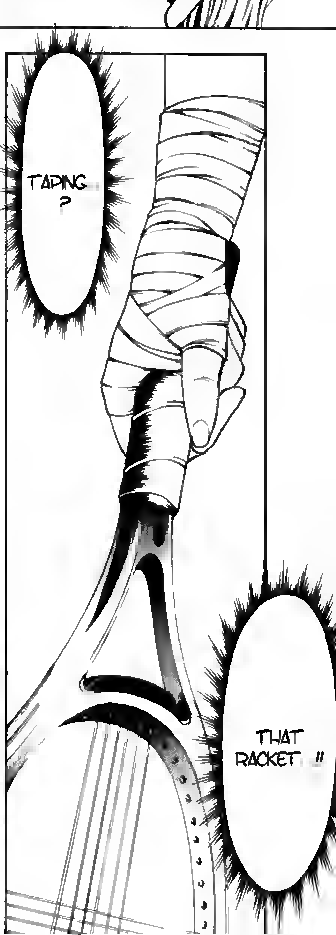
HEY, THE ONE WHOSE RACKET HAS 6 STRINGS IS INJURED.
HE LOOKS SO FRAGILE...

...
KID DON'T UNDERESTIMATE ME

HEHE, IT SEEMS HE'S NOTICED.
THE MEANING OF THE WORD "TAPING"...

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN YOU AND YOUR BROTHER
PLAY!!


TAPING ?
THAT RACKET !!

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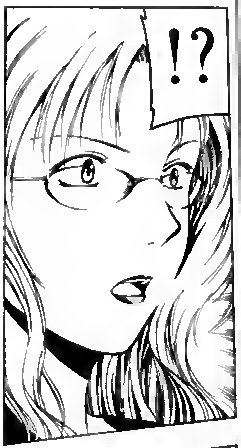
tap
WITH YOUR STRENGTH-ENED WRIST
A SIX-STRINGED RACKET...
tap
IN SHORT, YOU ARE MY OPPO-NENT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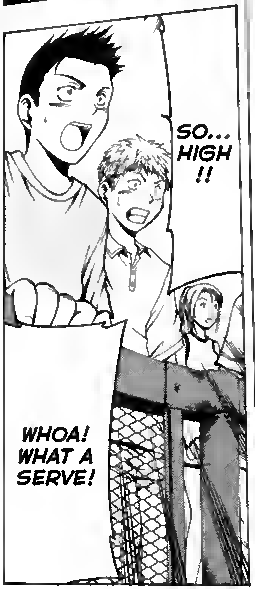
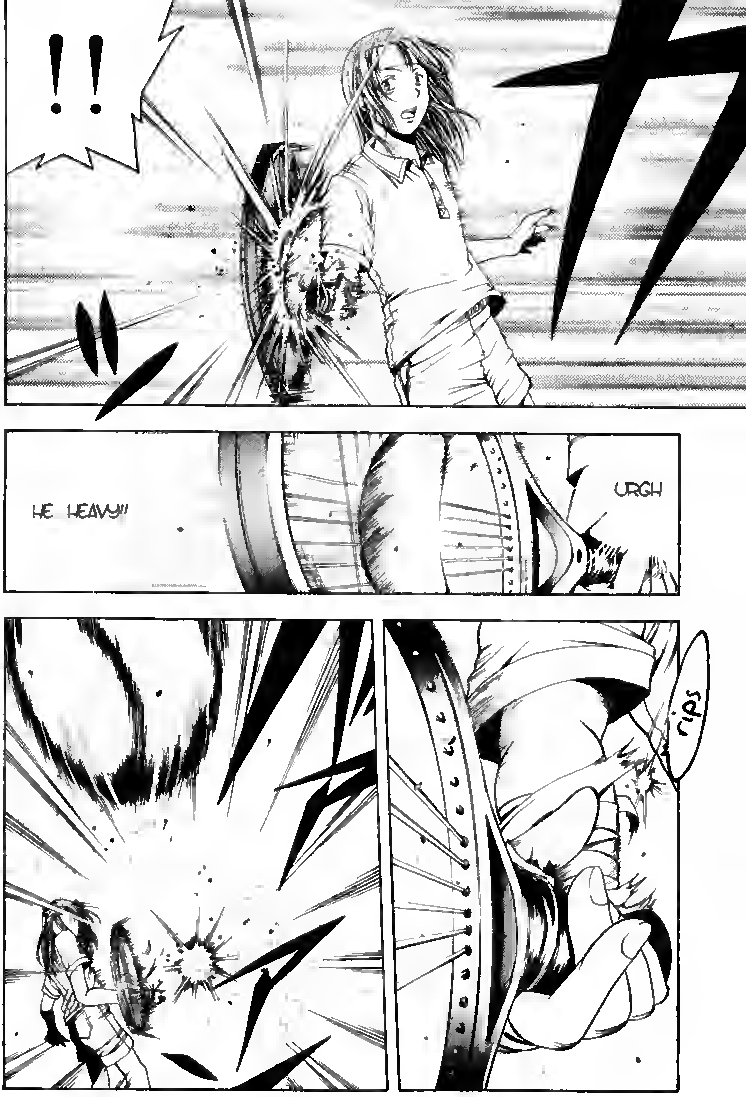

SO... HIGH !!
WHOA! WHAT A SERVE!

...THAT'S WHY I'LL GIVE IT MY ALL!!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URGH
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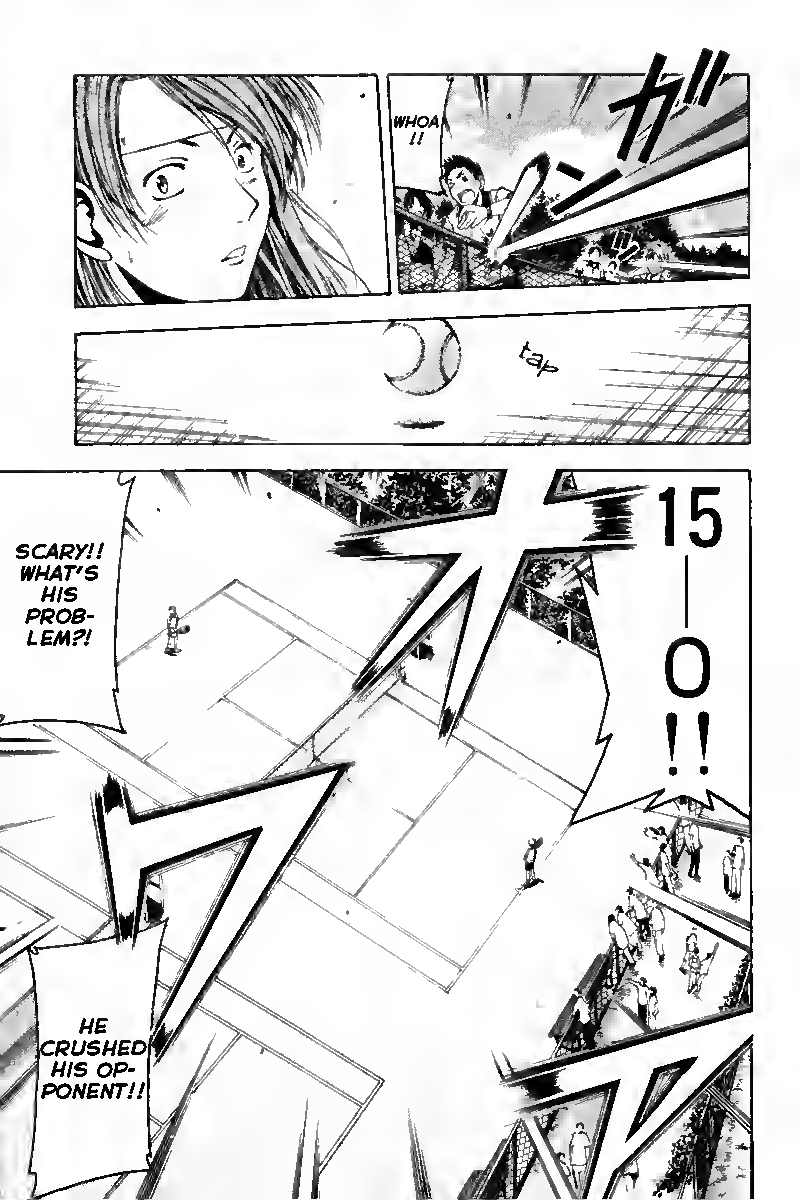

WHOA!!
tap
15—0!!
SCARY!! WHAT'S HIS PROB-LEM?!
HE CRUSHED HIS OP-PONENT!!

SORRY.
YOUR WOUND ISN'T HEALED YET, IS IT?
SHINJOU-SENPAI.
WHAT A BRAT.
IS HE REALLY IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ...?
...
IT'S ALRIGHT.

AS OF RIGHT NOW, I'M ALL BETTER.

WELL WELL ...
HE'S FINALLY SERI-OUS.

GO AHEAD, SHOW HIM
...WHAT YOU LEARNED IN SWEDEN

THE TRUE POWER OF A WARRIOR!!
HEY SHORT-STUFF!
HE'S GOING TO GET CRUSHED...

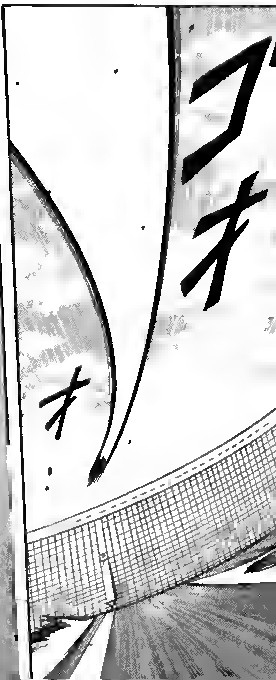
WHAT ...?!
WHAT A RE-TURN!!
SUCH POWER WITH THAT WEAK LOOKING BODY OF HIS...
UGH ...

WITH HIS WRIST'S NATURAL STRENGTH, HE CAN RETURN ANYTHING.
FOR THAT KIND OF RETURN, SUCH STRENGTH ISN'T NECESSARY.

...WAS RETURNED.
EVEN YOUR SERVE...

IT WILL ALWAYS COME BACK.
YOU'RE BETTER OFF HITTING WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH —.

HIS RIGHT HAND. IT'S JUST LIKE...
A REFLECTIVE SHIELD...!!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AND THIS...
HOW'S THAT!!
HE'S GIFTED. HE DOESN'T ONLY HAVE POWER
AND NOW A CROSS-COURT SHOT
HIS STRAIGHT
HE HE...
YOU FELL FOR IT...
...WAS JUST A PLOY!!

THE THIRD ROUND...
UP UNTIL THIS POINT, WINNING...
...WAS NOT THE MOST IMPORTANT THING.
HMM...
NINOMIYA ALSO CHANGED SINCE HE WANTED TO WIN...
IN FACT...
TSURUGI'S MATCH WILL SOON START...
HE'S A BRAT WITHOUT INTEREST.
HUH?
OKITA!
BUT THE NEW COMPETITORS THIS YEAR...
IS OKITA TSURUGI HERE?!
HE WILL BE DISQUALIFIED!!

HUH?
WHAT'S HE DOING ...
DIS-QUALI-FIED?!
IT'S AL-RIGHT, HE MADE IT IN TIME...
SORRY FOR BEING LATE...
ARE YOU OKITA? YOU REALLY HAVE TO BE ON TIME.
HUH?
.....
WHAT WRONG WITH HIM? HE LOOKS OUT OF IT.

...IN THIS TOURNAMENT
YOUR FATHER
CLENCH!
THE WIMBLE-DON FINAL...
THAT STORY

...IS ALL A JOKE!!
PLAY!!
WHETHER IT'S YUZUE OR TSURUGI
YOU'RE SOMETHING ELSE.
AS IF SOMETHING HAPPENED

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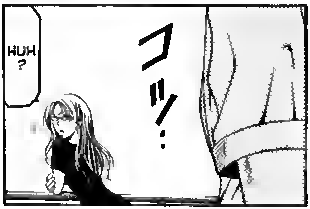
STELS!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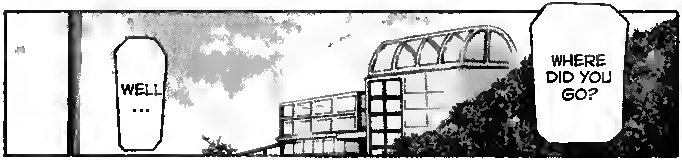
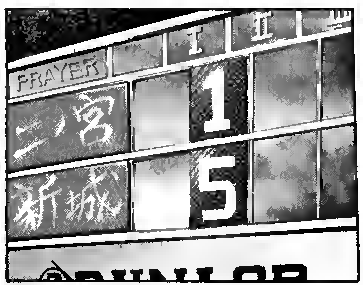

WELL…
WHERE DID YOU GO?

JUST LOOK FOR YOURSELF.
FINE… HOW IS THE MATCH?

YOU'RE NO LONGER A CHILD, STOP ACTING SO AWKWARD!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HOW...HE LOOKS A LOT WEAKER THAN THE PREVIOUS OPPONENTS.
HE'S EVEN A LOT TALLER.
DON'T BE A FOOL!
HE IS MUCH SUPERIOR TO ALL THE OPPONENTS UP UNTIL NOW.
WITH THAT SERVE,
ONE HAS TO TAKE HIM SERIOUSLY.
OH...
HE'S REALLY GROWN.
HE'S 100% MOTIVATED...
HE'S GOING TO WIN THIS GAME.
7

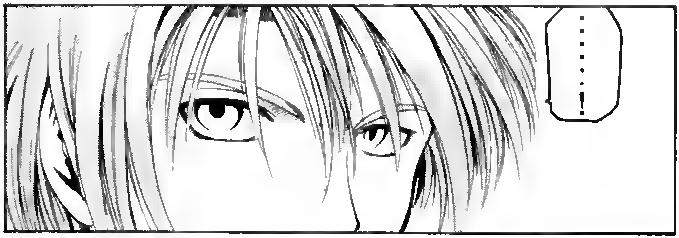
PANT
PANT
PANT
DAMN IT!!
GAME, SET AND MATCH!
SHIN-JOU!!

OUT OF EVERYONE I'VE FACED UP UNTIL THIS POINT, HE IS ON ANOTHER LEVEL COMPLETELY.
HIM.
HE'S REALLY STRONG
BECAUSE OF THAT DAMN RACKET
ANOTHER BRAT WE NEED TO WORRY ABOUT?
WHAT?
HE'S ALSO IN THE THIRD GRADE.
HE'S BARELY IN THE 3RD GRADE.
AND HE'S ALREADY THAT STRONG, HUH?

OH THAT BOY....

HEY TACHIGAMI, WHY IS TSURUGI ACTING LIKE THAT?
...
HAVING MADE IT THIS FAR, YOU'D THINK HE DOESN'T WANT TO LOSE.
NO...
THAT'S NOT IT.
NO MATTER WHAT, HE KEEPS PLAYING HIS OWN WAY!
BUT... UP UNTIL NOW HE'S DONE...
...WHAT HE HATES.
IT WOULDN'T BE THE SAME AS BASELINE GAMING!

AND TO BE ABLE TO MAKE SUCH POWERFUL HITS...
HEH...HE CAN ALSO PLAY FROM THE BASE-LINE.
THAT'S HIS SON.
THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT HIM..
SO..
REALLY?!
...THAT REMINDS ME OF OKITA SHUUJI.
HE'S HERE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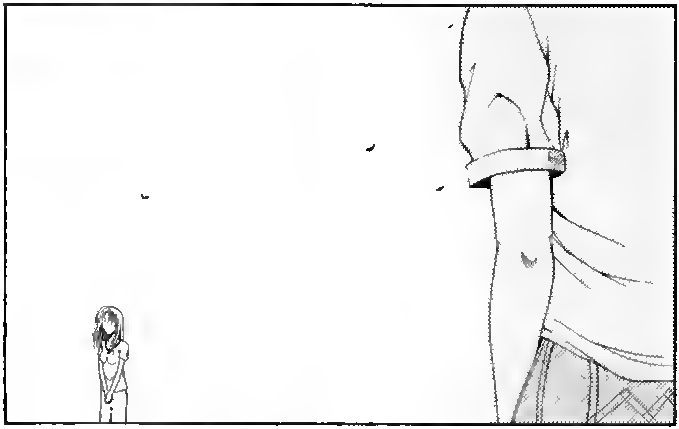

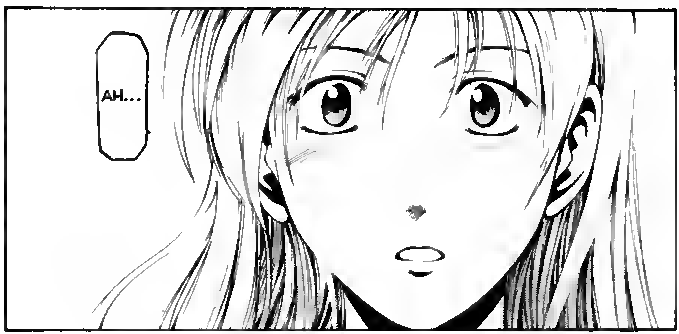
AH...

.....
WHY IS HE...
IN THIS TOUR-NA-MENT?
HE MUST HAVE HEARD ABOUT SHUUJI FROM THAT PERSON
THEN...
TSU-RUGI'S GAME
WHAT'S GOING ON, YUZURI?
HUH? NO... NOTH-ING...

GAME, SET AND MATCH!
TSU-RU-GI
THE TRUTH ABOUT SHUU!
YOU KNOW ABOUT IT
OKITA!

EH...BUT
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.....
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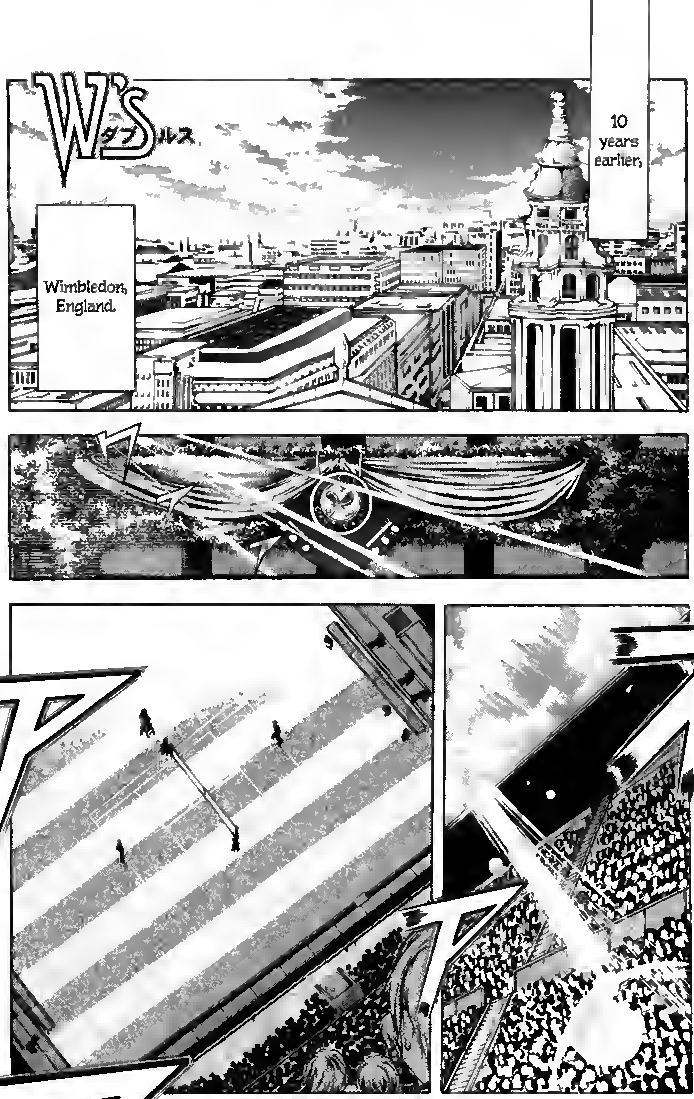
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Wimbledon, England.
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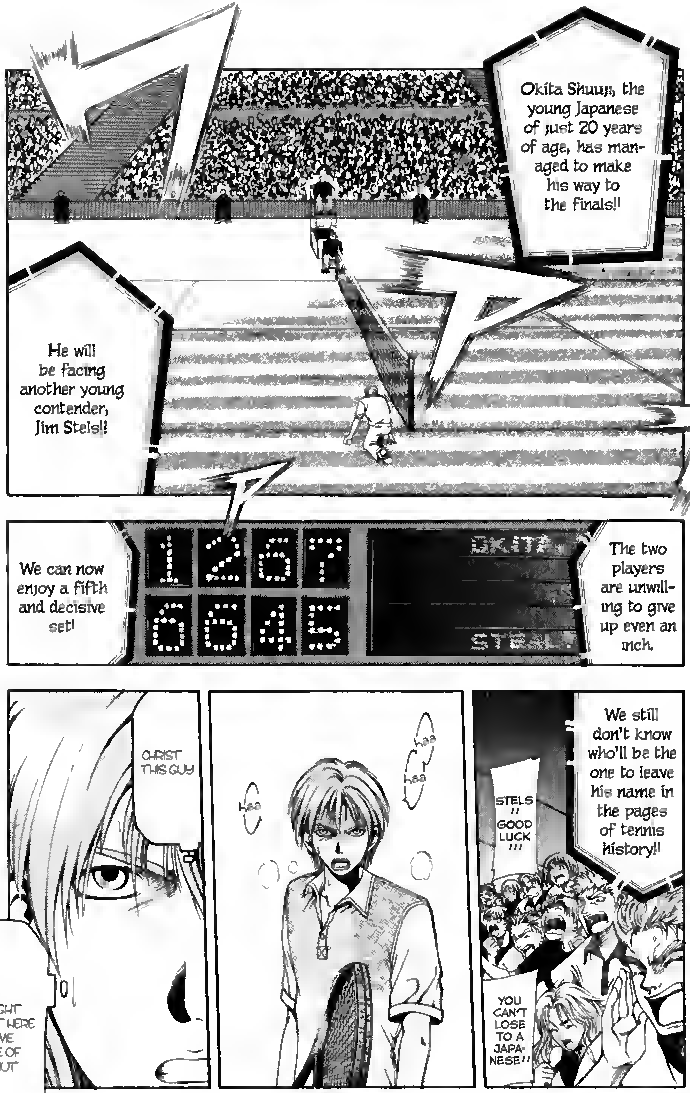
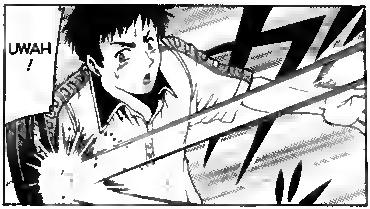

Okita Shuuji, the young Japanese of just 20 years of age, has managed to make his way to the finals!!
He will be facing another young contender, Jim Stels!
We can now enjoy a fifth and decisive set!
1 2 6 7
6 6 4 5
OKITA
STELS
The two players are unwilling to give up even an inch.
CHRIST THIS GUY
I THOUGHT HE MADE IT HERE BY SOME STROKE OF LUCK, BUT
haa
haa
haa
We still don't know who'll be the one to leave his name in the pages of tennis history!!
STELS !! GOOD LUCK !!!
YOU CAN'T LOSE TO A JAPANESE!!

SHUUJI OKITA
HIS STRENGTH LIES IN HIS ORIGINALITY!!
QUICK, LET'S GET GOING!
WHY, STELS, DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE TIRED
BUT
IT WAS JUST A BLUFF
HMM NO PROBLEM

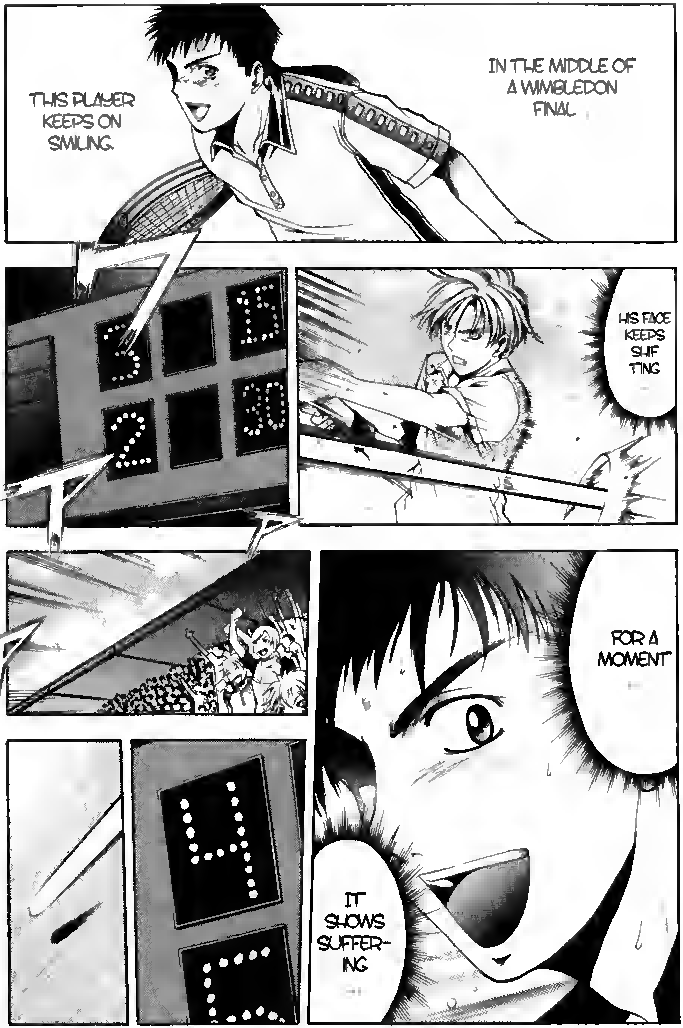
I'LL CRUSH YOU!!


UWAH!

There you go!! A powerful shot from Steis!!
The ball is flying at 260km/h towards Okita!!

What terrifying power!
GO STEIS!!
THAT'S THE WAY!!
Each of his strokes is a truly deadly attack!!

But Okita hasn't lost yet!!
He compensates for his lack of power with his speed.
He goes through the center of the court like lighting.
Which of these two players will be blessed by the Goddess of Tennis?
WAH!


THIS PLAYER KEEPS ON SMILING.
IN THE MIDDLE OF A WIMBLEDON FINAL
HIS FACE KEEPS SUF TING
FOR A MOMENT
IT SHOWS SUFFER- ING

Ah
SHIT
HE'S SMILING AGAIN
It's a match point for Okita!!
And here we are!!

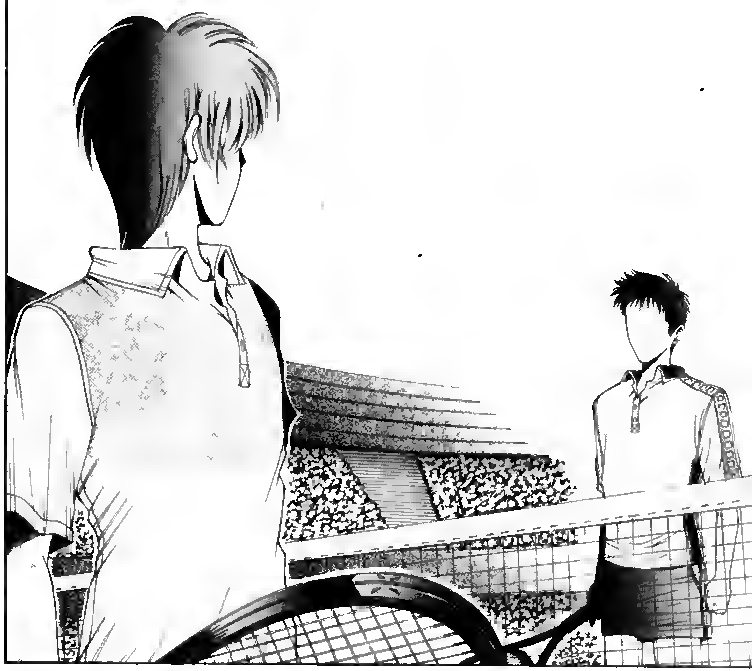
WHAT'S SO FUNNY?!
I'M NOT FIN-ISHED YET!!
OH!
THAT WOULDN'T HAPPEN IF YOU DIDN'T MAKE THAT SORT OF FACE!
SHUT UP! QUIT MOCKING ME!!
IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN STEIS LIKE THAT
HE'S REALLY ON FIRE, AS IF HE WAS BECOM-ING SOME SORT OF MACHINE
I HAVEN'T LOST YET!
PLAYING AGAINST HIM

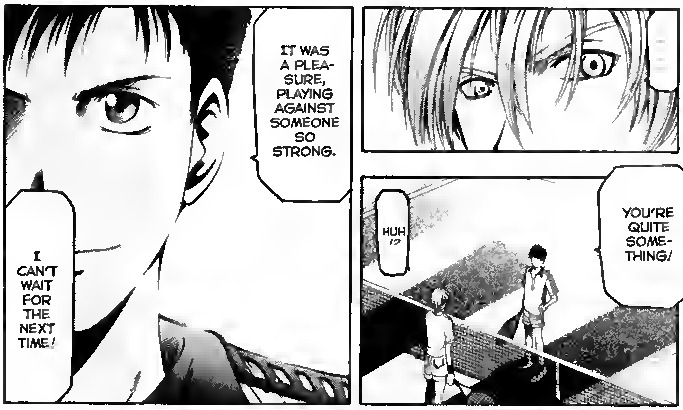
I CAN'T POSSIBLY LOSE!!
Stels easily returns Okita's serve!!
He answers with a big strike!!
.....!

LIGHT-
NING!!

Scary!!
Such a thunderous strike!!
Jim Stels had no chance of retaliating against such a lightning attack!!

Just like that,
Okita has won the Wimbledon Championship!!
SHIT!! THAT WAS CLOSE.
NEXT TIME I WILL...




IT WAS A PLEASURE, PLAYING AGAINST SOMEONE SO STRONG.
I CAN'T WAIT FOR THE NEXT TIME!
YOU'RE QUITE SOMETHING!
HUH!?

A A PLEA-SURE?
IN SUCH A LONG MATCH AT WIMBLE-DON, HOW COULD HE EVEN THINK THAT?!
WHAT IS IT? WHAT'S WITH THAT FACE?
IN THE MIDDLE OF THE MATCH, YOU WERE SMILING
WHAT WAS GOING THROUGH YOUR MIND?
THERE ARE THINGS I WANT TO ASK YOU.
HMM...?
AHH...
YES, OF COURSE
WHEN I LAUGHED?

PLAYING AGAINST YOU,
IT WAS REALLY, TRULY FUN!!
.....!
SHIT
BETWEEN HIM AND I
OKII
VS
STEALTH
EVEN BEYOND THE POINTS WE SCORED, THERE'S A HUGE DIFFERENCE!

HUH?
WE'RE SHAKING WITH OUR LEFT?
THE RIGHT HAND IS THE ONE I FOUGHT WITH AGAINST YOU,
THE ONE I WANTED TO WIN AGAINST YOU WITH
.....
THAT'S RIGHT.
'TILL NEXT TIME
YOU'VE GOT IT!!

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HE FELL WEIRD, THOUGH...
AH... I HOPE IT'S NOTH-ING BAD.
OH... WHAT'S WITH OKITA...?
HE GOT MUSCLE CRAMPS?
A STRETCHER, QUICKLY
GO, MOVE!!
AT THE TIME I COULDN'T QUITE GRASP WHAT WAS GOING ON.
BUT AFTERWARDS, I SURE DID

I HEARD THEM SAY
THAT OKITA SHUUJI WAS DEAD
#11
7
#11
LOOK AT STELS
HE'S TOTALLY OUT OF IT
HORRIBLE EVENTS LIKE THAT REALLY DO HAPPEN.
YEAH, TRUE, DYING LIKE THAT...

WHILE WE'RE ON THE SUBJECT THE CAUSE OF DEATH
DID HE SAY ANYTHING STRANGE ?
QUIT IT, THAT'S REALLY TACT-LESS.
I'VE REALLY NEVER SEEN HIM IN SUCH A SORRY STATE
WE OUGHT TO TAKE A PIC-TURE
SOME KIND OF CARDIAC HYPERTROPHY
THE DOCTOR CONFIRMED A HEART DISEASE
EVEN MY DAD, WELL OVER 50, DOESN'T HAVE THAT
BUT THINGS LIKE THAT... HAPPEN
STILL, FOR AN ATHLETE...
AND OKITA WAS ONLY 20 YEARS OLD...

DOPING, STEROIDS ...
THE PRESSURE ON THE HEART INCREASES AND SUDDEN DEATH CAN OCCUR...
DOPING !?
ON TOP OF THAT, THEY MIGHT TAKE AWAY HIS TITLES
FOR REAL?! THAT'S TERRIBLE!!

SO HIS WHOLE GAME
WAS NOTHING BUT THE DRUGS' TRICKERY!?

.....

THAT ENERGY!
AND THAT GAZE.

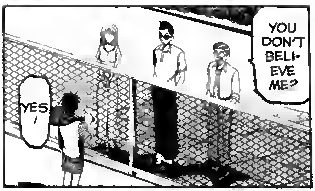
IT WAS ALL JUST A LIE!!
TSUR UGI,
YOU KNOW STELS!?
TSUR- UGI

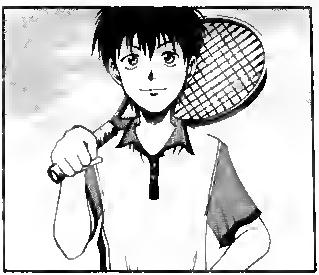
HEH. IT'S STELS!!
WHAT'S HE GOT TO DO WITH THIS KID!?
HEY, STELS!
THAT GAZE
WAIT A MOMENT!
WHAT'S UP WITH THE BRAT?
SHUUJI OKIT'A
.....

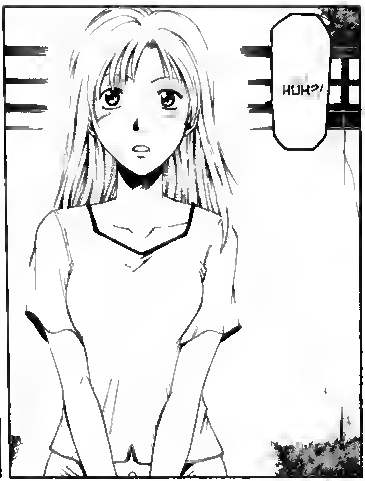
HE'S A RELA-TIVE...!
.....
DAISUKE, WHY IS IT THAT YOU'VE BEEN SO QUIET SINCE YOU GOT HERE
YOU LOSE A MATCH, AND YOU END UP LIKE THIS.
THAT'S NOT IT!
SO WHAT IS IT?
ARE YOU FEEL ING ILL?
.....
NO, GRAN-DMO THER

DO YOU KNOW OKITA SHUUJI?
.....!
ACTU-ALLY, I'VE HEARD OF HIM WITHOUT KNOWING HIM PERSO NALLY
JUST REMEM-BERING THE NAME IRRITATES ME
WHY?
THAT MAN, FOR THE SAKE OF SUCCESS
AND PER-SONAL PRIDE,
DID NOT HESITATE TO PUT HIS LIFE ON THE LINE
IT'S IDIO-TIC BEHAV -IOUR
.....

I DON'T BELIEVE
—IN SUCH THINGS!


YOU DON'T BELI-EVE ME?
YES.




HUH?!

HE'S AWARE OF SHUUJI'S BACK-GROUND ...
YES
TACHI-GAMI ...
HE DISPLAYED SHUUJI'S BASE-LINE GAME!!
BUT WHEN FACED WITH STEIS,
QUITE A STRONG BOY. //
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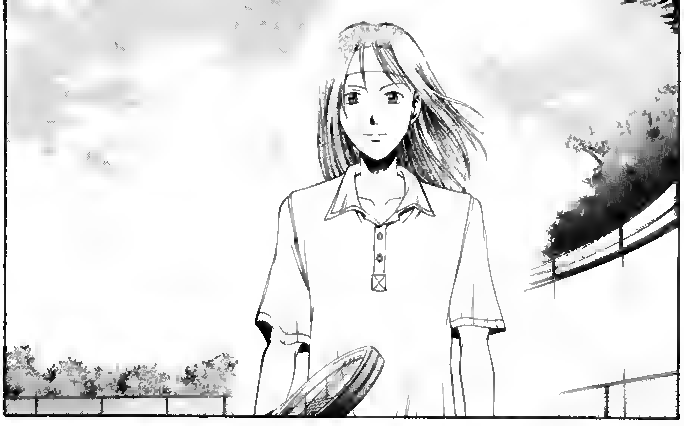
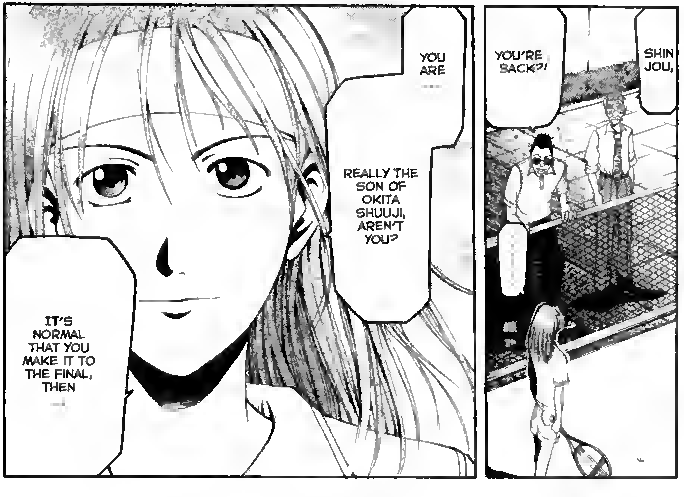
WELL, WELL ...




IT'S NORMAL THAT YOU MAKE IT TO THE FINAL, THEN
REALLY THE SON OF OKITA SHUUJI, AREN'T YOU?
YOU ARE
YOU'RE BACK?!
SHIN JOU,

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I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY TOLD YOU ABOUT STELS,
BUT THAT'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH ME
KNOW THAT EVEN IF YOU ARE AFFECTED BY THIS WHOLE AFFAIR ..
I WON'T BE GOING EASY ON YOU.
SHINJOU ...
I HAVE NO INTENTION TO LOSE
...

FOR THE SAKE OF RESTORING MY FATHER'S PRIDE ...
I WILL CREATE PROOF FOR THE WHOLE WORLD TO SEE!!

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GAME, SET AND MATCH! 6-0! AN EASY VICTORY FOR KASUMI SANADA!
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HEHE, I JUST GOT LUCKY.
GREAT, KASUMI! AND YOU WON WITHOUT LETTING THE OPPONENT GAIN EVEN A SINGLE POINT!
OUCH
THAT'S NOT IT AT ALL.
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
MAYBE SHE TWISTED HER ANKLE DURING THE GAME.
ARE YOU ALRIGHT? LET ME SEE...
IT'LL HEAL SOON.
BUT ...
IT'S OKAY.
I JUST SPRAINED IT A LITTLE BIT.
HEAL SOON, EH...
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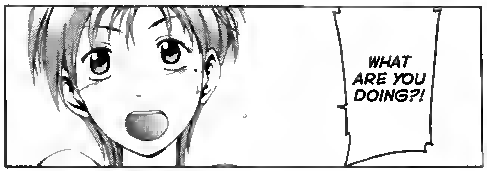
HUH ?

E/N: OMG, HE LOOKS LIKE A SERIAL RAPIST.



HE'S A DOCTOR?
DOES ANYONE HERE HAVE A BANDAGE?
EHM. I DO!
OK.
THAT LOOKS GOOD.
AH.
THANK YOU.
KASUMI YOU REALLY DON'T KNOW HIM?
HMM, MAYBE I DO...

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...
HE MANAGED TO MAKE IT TO THE FINALS.
HE'S GOOD, OKITA SHUUJI'S SON.
I'M GOING TO TELL HIM THE TRUTH
AH
THEN, YOU'LL TAKE ON AN EVIL ROLE.
YOU'LL DESTROY THE DREAMS OF A BOY WITH A BRIGHT FUTURE AHEAD.
YOUR FATHER...

HUH?
HE'S THE BIGGEST CROOK IN THE WORLD!
THE FINALS WON'T TAKE PLACE HERE?
NORMALLY, THEY WOULD.
BUT THIS TIME, THE ORGANIZERS DECIDED WHERE IT WOULD BE...
...IN THE PLACE WHERE THE PROS PLAY, UNDER THE DOME OVER THERE.
AH, TSURUGI!
OKAY!
MAYBE, YOU SHOULD GO CHECK IT OUT.

THIS IS YOUR FIRST TOURNAMENT. .
YOU HAVE TO PLAY FOR YOURSELF.
STOP IT!
YOU REALLY WANT TO DISPROVE THE STORIES ABOUT YOUR FATHER?
HUH?
BUT ...
TSURUGI, IT'S TIME!
SORRY, MOM. I NEED TO GO OR I'LL BE LATE
TSURUGI.
I'M GOING TO BE THE WORLD'S NO. 1 WITH MY DAD'S RACKET!
...I'LL PROVE IT.

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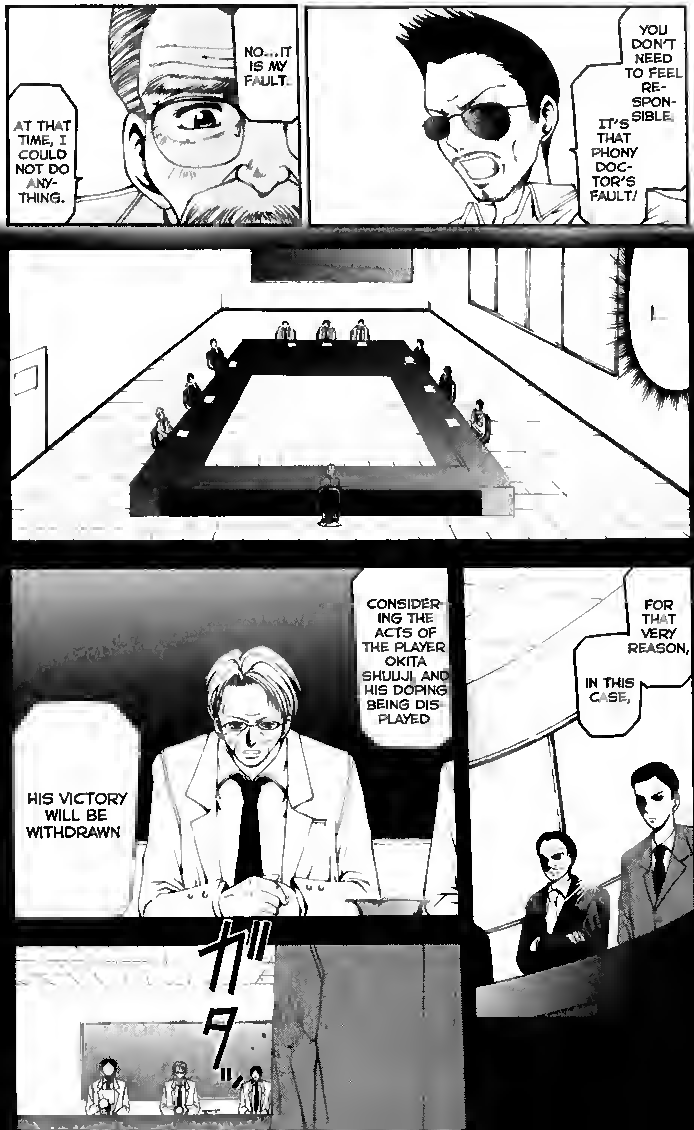
HEY, ARE YOU WATCHING? FROM NOW ON, THIS MATCH WILL BE SUSPENSEFUL.
AH, WITH OKITA'S SON?
HE'S GOOD AT TENNIS.
CAN'T BE THAT BAD? IT'LL BE EXCITING, REGARDLESS.
THE RUMOR IS QUICKLY SPREADING
AHH, THESE KIND OF STORIES PUT ME OFF.
HEY, YOU
WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT SHUUJI?
WE DON'T NEED TO APOLOGIZE TO SHUUJI.
AND SAME FOR TSURUGI WHO STARTED TENNIS BECAUSE OF HIM.


NO...IT IS MY FAULT.
AT THAT TIME, I COULD NOT DO ANY-THING.
YOU DON'T NEED TO FEEL RE-SPON-SIBLE.
IT'S THAT PHONY DOC-TOR'S FAULT!
CONSIDER-ING THE ACTS OF THE PLAYER OKITA SHUUJI AND HIS DOPING BEING DIS-PLAYED
HIS VICTORY WILL BE WITHDRAWN
FOR THAT VERY REASON,
IN THIS CASE,
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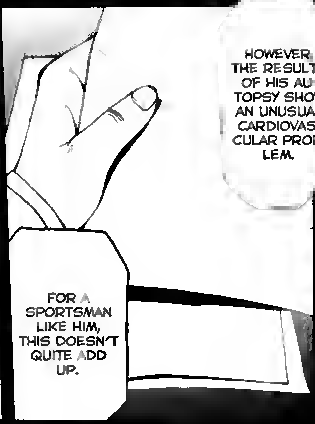
IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE?
MR. YAMANOBE.

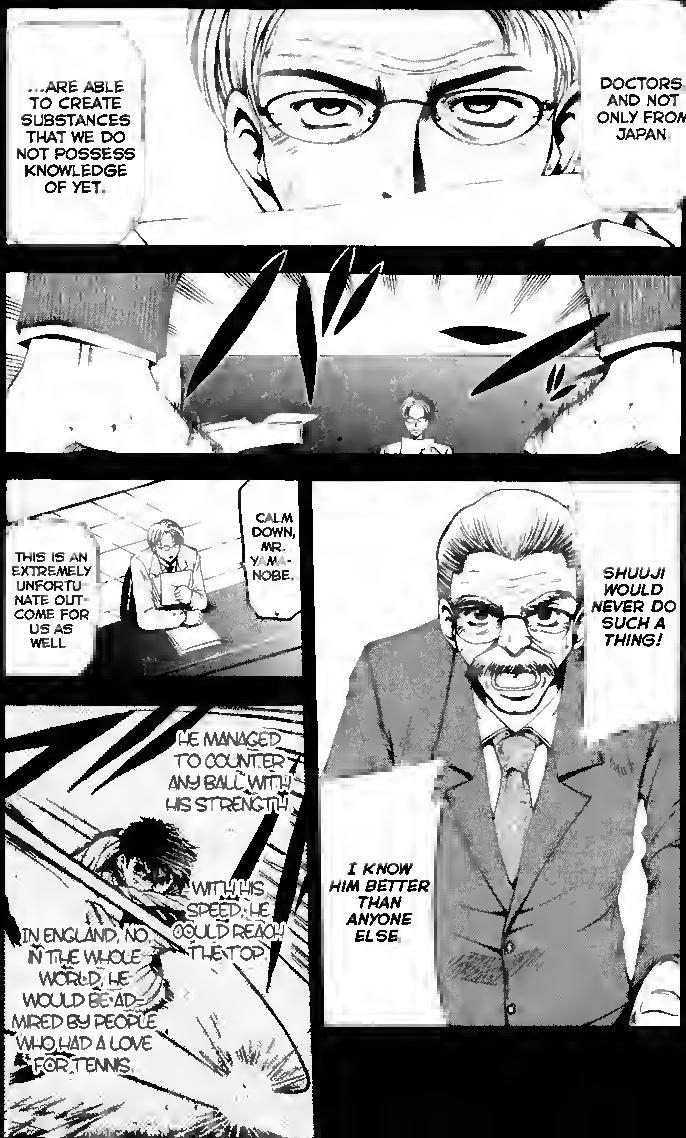
WE DIDN'T FIND ANY DOPING TRACES ON OKITA'S BODY!
THIS DECISION IS UNJUST!

HOLD ON A SECOND!

CERTAINLY, WE HAVE NOT FOUND ANY TRACES OF DOPING ON HIM...
BUT YOU'VE ALREADY SAID THIS

BUT!
HE COULD'VE USED UNTRACEABLE DOPING MEDICATIONS


HOWEVER, THE RESULTS OF HIS AUTOPSY SHOW AN UNUSUAL CARDIOVASCULAR PROBLEM.
FOR A SPORTSMAN LIKE HIM, THIS DOESN'T QUITE ADD UP.


...ARE ABLE TO CREATE SUBSTANCES THAT WE DO NOT POSSESS KNOWLEDGE OF YET.
DOCTORS AND NOT ONLY FROM JAPAN.
CALM DOWN, MR. YAMANOBE.
THIS IS AN EXTREMELY UNFORTUNATE OUTCOME FOR US AS WELL
SHUUJI WOULD NEVER DO SUCH A THING!
I KNOW HIM BETTER THAN ANYONE ELSE.
HE MANAGED TO COUNTER ANY BALL WITH HIS STRENGTH.
WITH HIS SPEED, HE COULD REACH THE TOP.
IN ENGLAND, NO, IN THE WHOLE WORLD, HE WOULD BE ADMIRED BY PEOPLE WHO HAD A LOVE FOR TENNIS.

ALL OF THAT...
WAS TAKEN AWAY FROM HIM BY THOSE MEDICATIONS.
WE DO NOT HAVE ANY MEDICAL PROOF OF HIS DOPING.
HOW-EV-ER...
WE WILL STAND BY THIS CONCLUSION.

E/N: WHAT AN OLD ASS
BE-FORE WE END THIS ...
DO YOU HAVE ANY MORE OBJEC-TIONS?
OR CAN WE FINISH THIS MEETING...
MR. YAMA-NOBE!

AH...
HOW DID IT GO?!
MY MEDICAL KNOWL-EDGE.
MY SPORTS KNOWL-EDGE.
NOTH-ING.
I...
I'M SORRY ...
...HUH?

I COULDN'T PROVE IT!
I COULDN'T CLEAR SHUUJI'S NAME!
DAMN!
I AM... HEART BRO-KEN.
TACHI-GAMI!
THAT QUACK! THE NEXT TIME I SEE HIM...!

HEY! WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU!
CALL THE SECURITY GUARDS!
CALM THE JAPANESE!
WHY ARE YOU ACCUSING HIM OF DOPING!
IT'S ME.
WHY AM I SO POWERLESS!

TACHIGAMI, YOU KNOW...
THE FIRST TIME I SAW TSURUGI PLAY, I GOT CHILLS.
.....
IT'S AS IF I'M SEEING HIM AGAIN.
HE'S THE MIRROR IMAGE OF HIS FATHER.
CAN'T YOU SEE IT?!
THAT PART OF SHUUJI.
RIGHT NOW...
HE'S PLAYING FOR HIS FATHER WHO PASSED AWAY!
OF COURSE.

HERE IT IS.
I'LL FACE IT
I WILL BE VICTORIOUS!
...I'VE CHANGED MY MIND.
I'VE DECIDED.
OR MAYBE...
I SEE. IS IT ABOUT NAOTO?
THERE HAS NEVER BEEN THIS MUCH INTEREST IN A JUNIOR TOURNAMENT.
I'LL MAKE SURE TO WATCH THIS MATCH INTENTLY

OH, IT'S OKITA'S SON.
BUT HE'S STILL A SHORTY!
HE DEFINITELY WON'T WIN THIS!
I CAN'T IMAGINE THAT HE WOULD!
YUZURI, OVER HERE!
TACHIGAMI
AND GIVEN THE WAY HE FIGHTS ON,
I CAN'T BE SAD.
YUZURI, DON'T PAY ATTENTION TO WHAT THEY SAY.
DON'T WORRY.
YU-ZURI

THREE SET MATCH!
SHINJOU SERVES FIRST!
HMM...
WILL HE BE OVER-CONFI-DENT?
OR WILL HE BE SERIOUS FROM THE START?
I WONDER WHAT KIND OF MATCH WE'LL SEE
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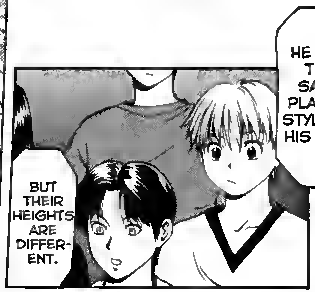
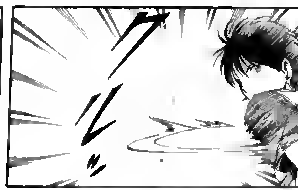
I CAN'T
LOSE!
FOR MY FATHER'S SAKE!

HUH?
A RACE TO THE NET?
HE'S GOING FOR IT?
HE'S NOT GOING TO ATTACK?

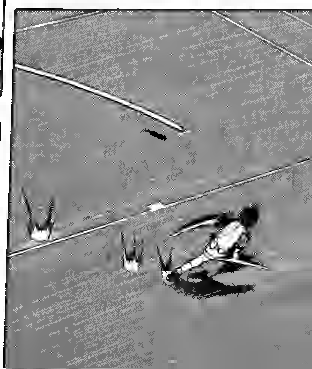

HE HAS THE SAME PLAYING STYLE AS HIS DAD.
BUT THEIR HEIGHTS ARE DIFFER-ENT.

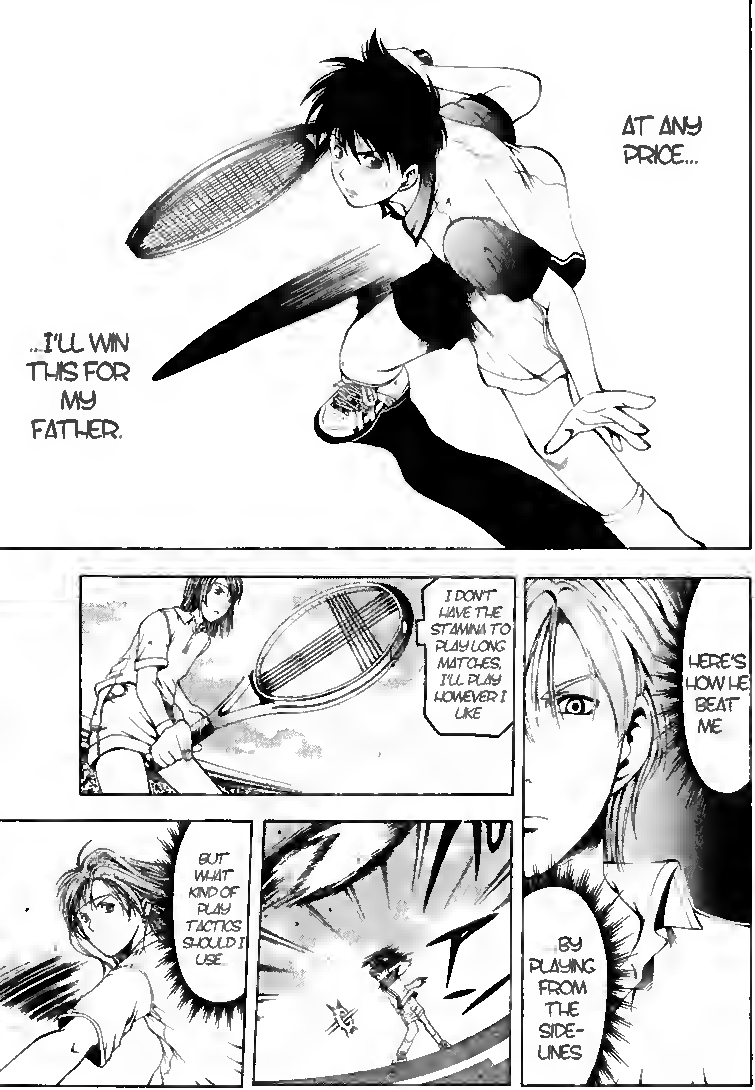
THIS IS IT!
I'M GOING TO...

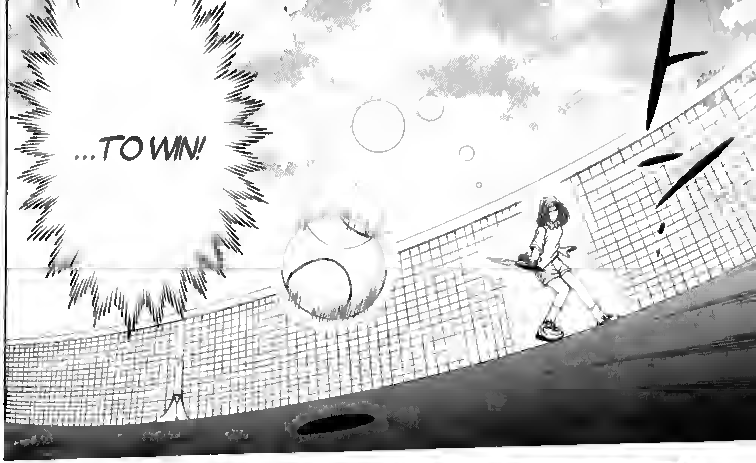


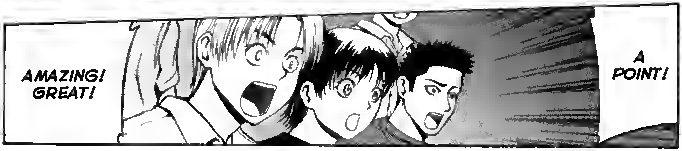
EH?
A FEINT?

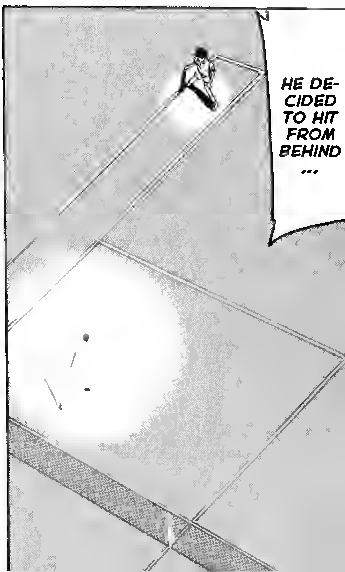
THIS IS IT




AT ANY PRICE...
...I'LL WIN THIS FOR MY FATHER.
I DON'T HAVE THE STAMINA TO PLAY LONG MATCHES. I'LL PLAY HOWEVER I LIKE
HERE'S HOW HE BEAT ME
BUT WHAT KIND OF PLAY TACTICS SHOULD I USE
BY PLAYING FROM THE SIDE-LINES


...TO WIN!


AMAZING! GREAT!
A POINT!


HE DECIDED TO HIT FROM BEHIND ...

I CAN GET IT

IT DOESN'T MATTER WHERE
HE GOT IT!
THIS KID'S FORMI-DABLE!

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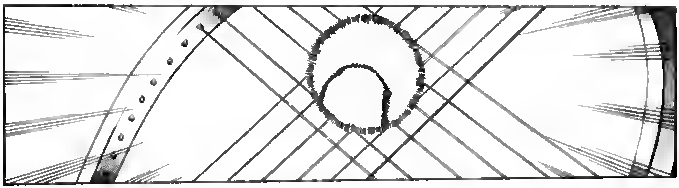
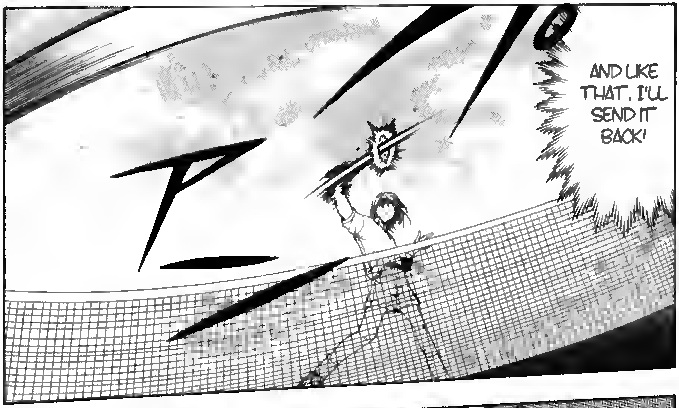
YOU UNDER-STAND




AND LIKE THAT. I'LL SEND IT BACK!

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HE REALLY THINKS HE CAN MAKE IT?
HE ARRIVED JUST IN TIME...
IT'S NOT POS-SIBLE

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AH ...!

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YEAH!
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YUKI

GENIUS.
NO
IT'S MORE LIKE PERSIS-TENCE
HIS BASELINE STYLE!!
JUST LIKE SHUUJI OKITA

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THAT MIDGET IS INCREDIBLE.
HE CAN SEND THEM BACK FROM ANYWHERE.
MORE!
JUST LIKE THAT!
BECAUSE OF THAT RACKET, HALF OF NAOTO'S TALENT IS LOCKED AWAY.
...

BUT ...
IN DOING SO, THERE IS A DIFFERENCE WITH HIS REAL CAPABILITIES ...
THIS RISKS REPRESSING HIS GENIUS ...
NO.
YOU MUST NOT CHANGE THAT RACKET

WHAT'S WITH THAT LOOK ?!
DOES HE REALLY WANT TO GET THAT SERIOUS ?!
HM ?
HE SEEMS TO BE CHANGING RACKETS
I SAW THAT LOOK ...
IF THAT'S HOW IT IS, NOTHING ELSE CAN BE DONE
IT'S THAT FAMOUS WARRIOR'S SPIRIT ...
WHEN FACING A FORMIDABLE OPPONENT, IF ONE DOES NOT GO AT IT WITH THEIR FULL STRENGTH THEY WON'T BE SATISFIED.

A WARRIOR ...
NEVER BACKS DOWN.
HE
SO HE ACTUALLY CHANGED HIS RACKET
Open
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HEY BROTHER LET'S GO!
I'M BORED!
SHUT UP, GO ALONE ...
HOLD ON YOU TWO ...
IS SEAT 550 IN THE CORNER?
IT SHOULD BE THAT WAY.
THANK YOU.
.....
HE WAS A BIT ODD EVEN HIS CLOTHES ...
HEY! DON'T IGNORE ME!

I KNEW THAT WHEN HE CHANGED HIS RACKET HIS GAME STRATEGY WOULD CHANGE
BUT, IT'S THE SAME AS BEFORE
THEN
IT'S OVER !!
NOW!

WHAT WAS THAT HIT!!
15—30 !!
DID THE BALL CURVE THAT MUCH !?
A BRUSH-STRO-KE.
HM, BY ADDING THE NATURAL STRENGTH IN HIS WRIST TO HIT THE BALL.
HE MADE IT BOUNCE BACK AS IF IT WERE A SMASH.
IT COMES BACK TO—
THE RAC-KET'S AWAK-ENING.
THAT TYPE OF TECHNIQUE IS NOT ONLY SWEDEN'S SPECIALITY
IT'S ALSO MINE.
SHIT..

BUT! IT'S NOT ONLY HIS RETURNS !!
IF I JUST GO BACK A BIT, I MIGHT ...
NAOTO WILL TAKE THE LEAD ...
IF YOU DON'T GO ON THE OFFENSE,

HE CHANGED THE TRAJECTORY
IT TURNED TO THE RIGHT!!
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WE COULD HEAR THE RACKET CUT THROUGH THE AIR!!
UNBELIEV-ABLE! IT BOUNCED TO THE RIGHT!!
BUT THE BALLS CLIMB A LOT WHEN HE HITS
IT'S NOT ON HIS SERVICE OR HIS SMASHES
JUST LIKE IN THE FIRST LEG OF THE COM-PETITION WHERE HIS ADVERSA-RY'S HAND CHANGED
HM
NE'S THE ONLY ONE TO SUCCEED AT USING THAT STROKE AT SCHOOL?
OF COU-RSE
SHINJOU USED ALL THE POWER IN HIS WRIST WHEN HE HIT THE BALL.
THAT WAY, EVEN LOW BALLS WERE EFFECTIVE

HE'S THE ONLY ONE IN THE WORLD EVEN.
THAT'S IT ..
HE CHANGED RACKETS
AND THE STRENGTH TO HIT THE BALL INCREASED
...
NO, CAN THIS BE IT?
SHOW ME WHAT YOU CAN REALLY DO!
...
SINCE I DON'T KNOW WHERE IT'LL BOUNCE TO
I SHOULDN'T BACK UP FURTHER THAN THE BASELINE OF THE COURT

FORESEE A "TAKE BACK"!
JUST UNTIL HE UNLEASHES HIS HIT. THE MOVEMENTS ARE THE SAME
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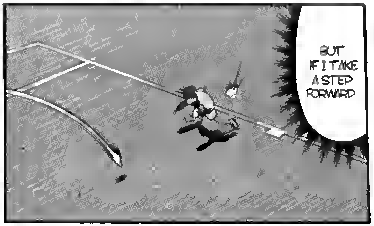
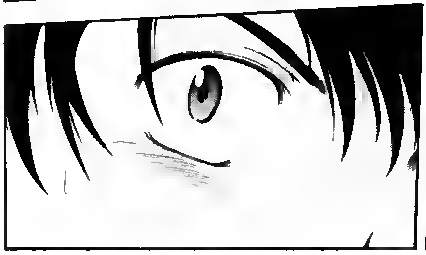
...SHIT !!!
AND THAT ONE, WHERE WILL IT GO ?!
IN THE END I NEVER KNOW WHERE HE'S GOING TO SEND THE BALL!!


BUT IF I TAKE A STEP FORWARD

I CAN GET IN THE BALL'S WAY AND SEND IT BACK!!



THAT'S IT!! JUST LIKE THAT ...

TOO LATE.
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HE CAN'T ADAPT TO HIS OPPONENT'S GAME STYLE CHANGE, HE CAN ONLY RETURN HARD BALLS.
THE GAME HE PLAYED IN THE FIRST ROUND WON'T BE ENOUGH TO BEAT SOMEONE OF SHINOU'S LEVEL.
FOR A PASSING SHOT,
THE BALL WASN'T STRONG ENOUGH.
HMM
WITH HIS GAME STYLE ...
AND HIS UNIQUE ARM, I'M AT A COMPLETE LOSS.
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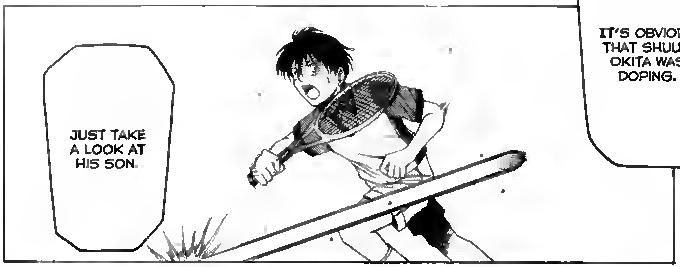
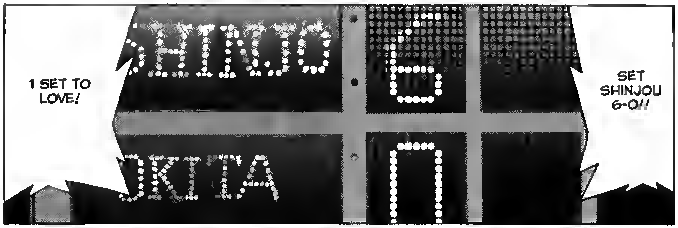
GHAAA!!
HUH, THAT ONE'S REALLY OKITA SHUUJI'S SON?
YEAH! I TOLD YOU.
IF I KEEP PLAYING SUCH A POOR BASELINE GAME ...
THEN I'M DEFINITELY NOT UP TO PAR WITH HIM ...


IT'S OBVIOUS THAT SHUUJI OKITA WAS DOPING.
JUST TAKE A LOOK AT HIS SON.


1 SET TO LOVE!
SET SHINJOU 6-0!!

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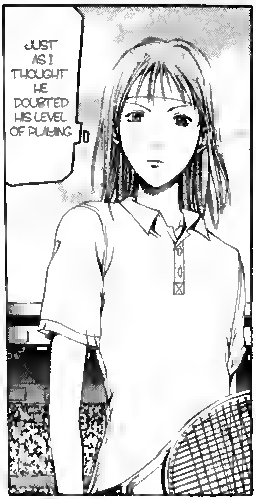
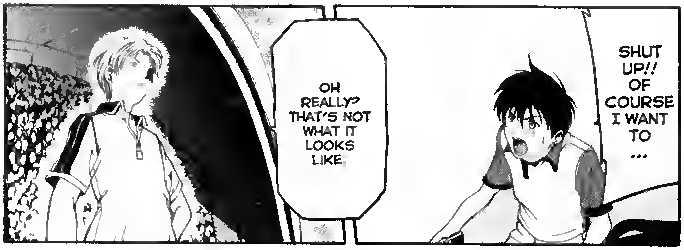

JUST AS I THOUGHT HE DOUBTED HIS LEVEL OF PLAYING

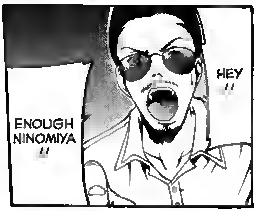
ENOUGH!
WE'VE HAD ENOUGH! SHOW US A REAL MATCH!!
IT'S REALLY TIRESOME TO WATCH!

GO HOME !!
!!!
GET LOST !!
I WANT TO PROVE MYSELF
BECOMING THE BEST PLAYER IN THE WORLD WITH DAD'S GAME STYLE!
!!!!!
!!!!!
IF ONLY
I HAD STOPPED HIM.
!!!!!

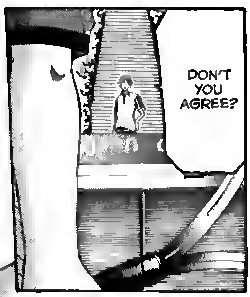
HOW PATHETIC !!
AWA Open
.....!
NI ...
NINO MIYA.
!!
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO WIN THEN JUST GIVE UP.


SHUT UP!! OF COURSE I WANT TO ...
OH REALLY? THAT'S NOT WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE

IF YOU ONLY WANT TO BECOME A PALE IMITATION OF YOUR FATHER,
YOU'LL ONLY BE TRASH!


HEY !!
ENOUGH NINOMIYA !!

OKITA SHUUJI,
AND HIS ABILITY TO BALANCE BASELINE SHOTS ISN'T IMPORTANT.


DON'T YOU AGREE?

WHAT'S IMPORTANT WAS THE FACT THAT HE BECAME NUMBER 1 WORLDWIDE.
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NINO-MIYA...
HERE...
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CONTINUE THE GAME WITH THAT RACKET.
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?
WAH!!
HUH ?
AH!
THE RACKET
HMPH !!
YOU'RE BETTER OFF USING THAT ONE!
WITH GOOD STRINGS.

THANK YOU
NINOMIYA
I DIDN'T THINK HE WORRIED SO MUCH ABOUT TSURUGI
THEY'RE GOOD FRIENDS

HE'S STARTING TO FOLLOW HIS OWN PATH
TSURUGI IS MOVING FARTHER AWAY FROM ME
SECOND SET, OKITA'S SERVICE !!
WHAT'S IMPOR-TANT IS BECOMING NUMBER 1!
DAMN IT IF I COULD REMEMBER THAT THINGS WOULD BE EASIER

I'LL SHOW HIM
I CAN BE NUMBER 1 MY OWN WAY!
HE'S PUMPED!!
Open
YUKA
HE CAN'T WIN!!
WITH HIS BASELINE PLAYING STYLE FROM BEFORE
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE'S TALKING ABOUT BUT

!!
SERVE AND VOLLEY?!
SHIT !!
I TOOK TOO LONG TO REACT
!!

TAKE THIS !!

15—0!!
...
WHAT?!
EVIDENTLY...
HE REALLY DOES HAVE THE SAME FACE AS HIS FATHER.

THIS GAME ISN'T ENOUGH FOR ME, BUT
DAMN !!
ドンッ
IT'S OBVIOUS THAT THIS WAY
IS MUCH MORE FUN!!

SHIT
WHAT A GAME!!
HE ATTACKS WITH SUCH FORCE THAT I'M UNABLE TO SEE THE BALL.
INCREDIBLE
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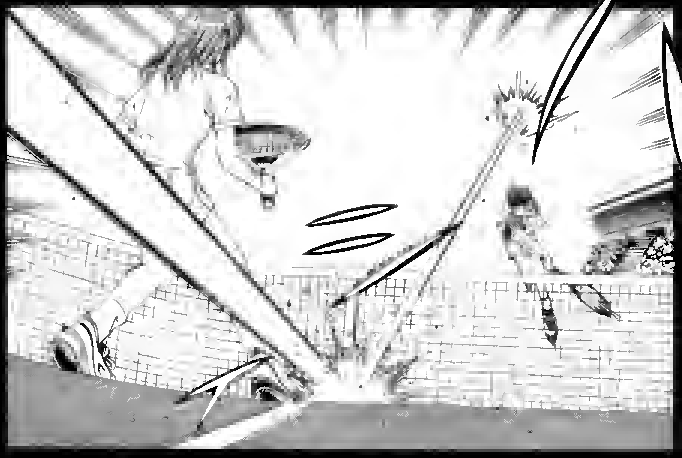

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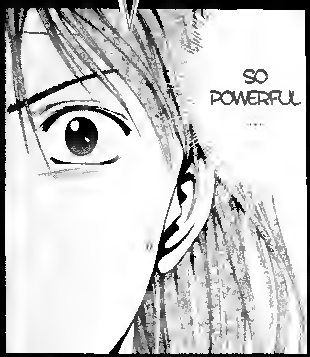

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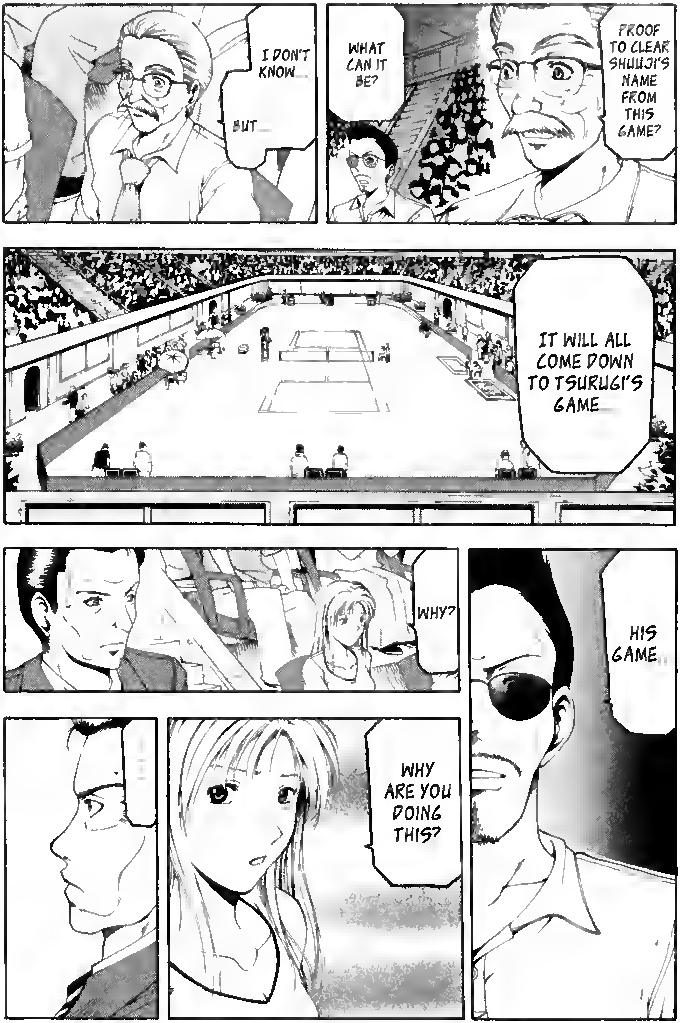
AH, FINALLY!
OH, SANADA, YOU ALSO CAME TO WATCH TSURUGI'S MATCH
MR YAMANOSE
OH? THEN THAT MEANS
THE SECOND SET JUST FINISHED
WHEN I SAW THE DISPLAY PANELS I WAS SHOCKED! WHY IS TSURUGI WITH THE UNDER 12 GROUP
WELL, A LOT OF THINGS HAVE HAPPENED
WH WHAT?!
HE ACTUALLY TOOK A SET OVER SHINJOU!!

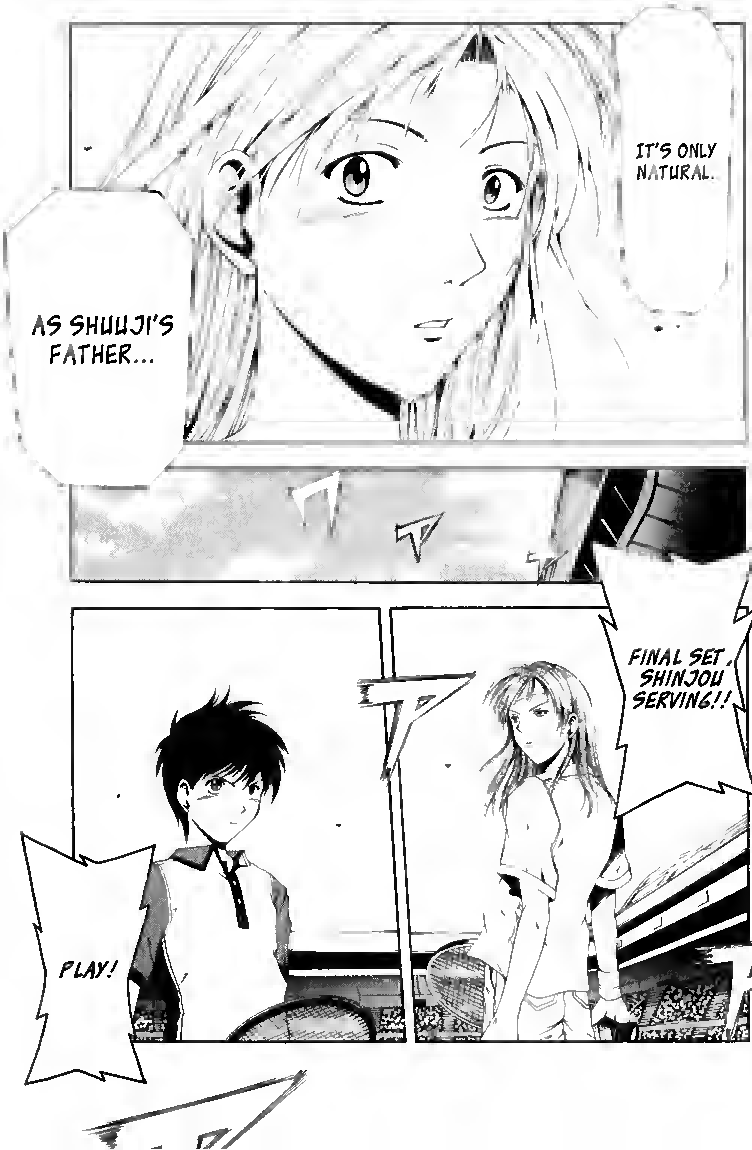
MORE SO
JUST LIKE HIS FATHER, HE HAS A KNACK FOR PLAYING INSANELY
WHOA... HE'S BEEN PLAYING TENNIS FOR BARELY A MONTH NOW
HE'S REALLY GROWN
...
REALLY...
HE HAD A PLAYING STYLE RADICALLY OPPOSITE TO THAT OF SHUUJI
HIS ACTUAL PLAYING STYLE...
BUT I DON'T KNOW WHY

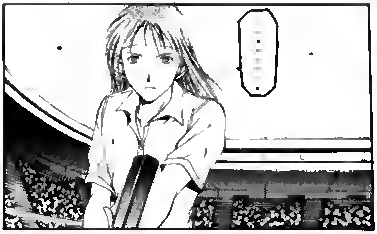
HE IS HIS FATHER'S THROUGH AND THROUGH.
HUH?
YOU KNOW HIM SANADA?
THAT MAN
OH
!

FATHER !!
HUH?!
HER FATHER?!
WHY DID YOU COME HERE?
IT'S BEEN AT LEAST 9 YEARS NOW THAT WE'VE SEVERED TIES
AH?
BUT GOOD OR BAD
MEDICINE IS MAKING ADVANCES DAILY
WHAT ?
YOU CAME HERE TO TALK TO ME ABOUT YOUR JOB?

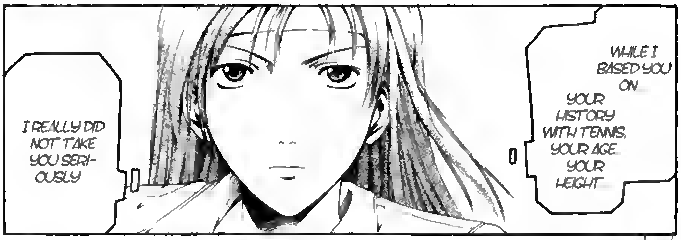
AND WHAT IF I TELL YOU THAT I...
MIGHT HAVE PROOF TO CLEAR SHUUJI'S NAME?
HUH?
IS THAT TRUE?!
OUR MEETING THE KEY TO IT IS IN THE WAY THAT BOY PLAYS
BUT
NOTHING IS SET IN STONE
AND THAT IS WHY I CAME

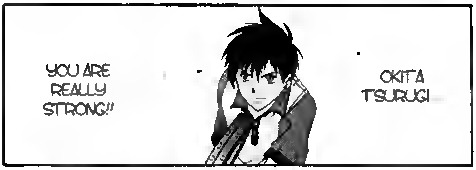

I DON'T KNOW...
BUT...
WHAT CAN IT BE?
PROOF TO CLEAR SHUUJI'S NAME FROM THIS GAME?
IT WILL ALL COME DOWN TO TSURUGI'S GAME...
WHY?
HIS GAME...
WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?


IT'S ONLY NATURAL.
AS SHUUJI'S FATHER...
FINAL SET, SHINJOU SERVING!!
PLAY!

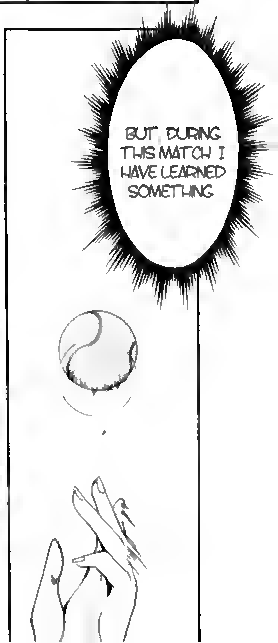


IT'S BECOME SUCH A PASSIONATE MATCH
AT THIS POINT WE DON'T KNOW WHO WILL WIN


I REALLY DID NOT TAKE YOU SERIOUSLY
WHILE I BASED YOU ON YOUR HISTORY WITH TENNIS, YOUR AGE, YOUR HEIGHT


YOU ARE REALLY STRONG!!
OKITA TSURUGI

NOW,
YOU ARE MY RIVAL!!


BUT, DURING THIS MATCH I HAVE LEARNED SOMETHING

HE'S RUNNING TOWARDS THE NET AGAIN?!
HE SURE IS PERSISTENT!!!
DAMN!!
BY HITTING IT WITH BOTH HANDS, THE BALL GOT A LOT FASTER!!

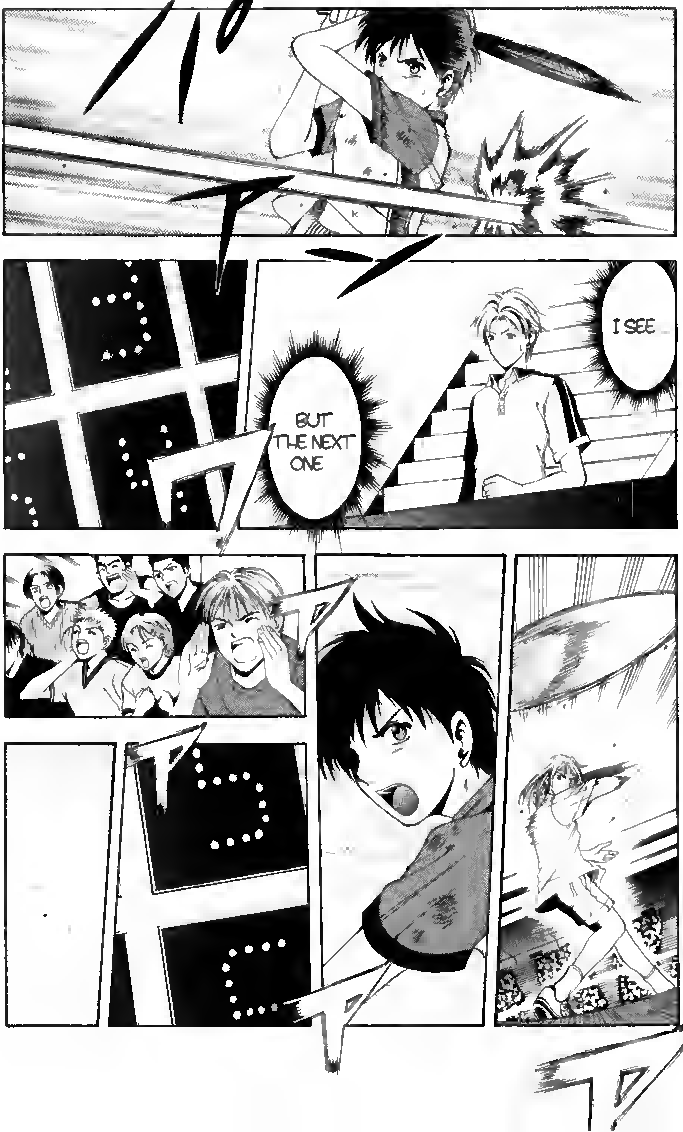
BUT I...
HE WANTS TO RETURN IT?!
MY SMASH !!??

I WILL NOT LOSE!!
A DRIVE SHOT?!
HE'S IN A BAD POSI-TION!!
!!
DAMN IT!!

HOW CAN HE.
IM-POS-SI-BLE!!
HE WANTS TO RETURN IT?!
ARGG!!!
15—0!!

.....
AND IT'S ONLY THE BEGINNING OF THE 3RD SET
WHAT A MATCH
THERE !!
THIS ISN'T FINISHED YET!!
INTE-RESTING.
SUCH AN INTER-ESTING MATCH IS START-ING.
AWE-SOME
HE USED A LOT TO RETURN MY SMASH
I HAVE TO
I ABSO-LUTELY HAVE TO

WIN!!
THEY'RE GIVING IT THEIR ALL!!
THEY'RE AWE-SOME!!
SHIT
WHY
WHY AM I HERE?!!


I SEE
BUT THE NEXT ONE

MATCH POINT!
THE BOY IS ONE POINT AWAY FROM VICTORY!

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NOT YET
I HAVEN'T LOST YET!
THE POINT GAP IS SMALL
IF I CAN BRING IT TO DEUCE
COME ON! ONE OF YOU LAND THE FINISHING STRIKE!
GO!
I HAVE A GOOD CHANCE OF WINNING!

THE FIRST TIME I SAW HIM...
I DIDN'T LIKE HIM, BUT...AT THE SAME TIME, I WAS INTRIGUED AS WELL.
TO FIGHT AGAINST A STRONG OPPONENT, THERE'S NOTHING BETTER.
SO IT REPEATS!

FOR THIS DAY TO ARRIVE...
THIS IS IT...THIS IS THE MOMENT I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR
...APPEARS BEFORE ME!
WHERE SHUUU! OKITA, ONCE AGAIN...

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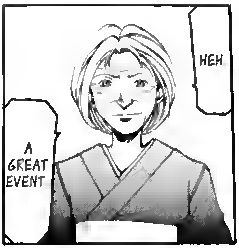
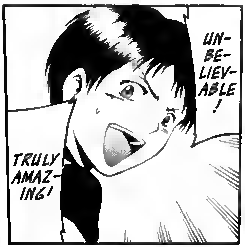
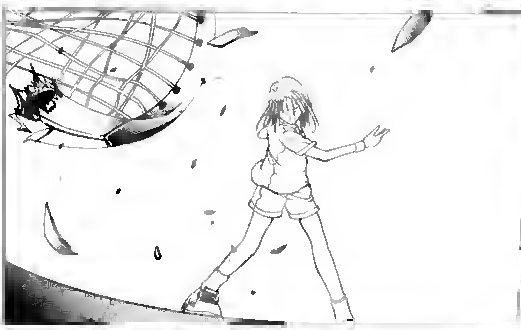
GAME, SET AND MATCH!
5 - 7! THE WINNER, OKITA TSURUGI!


HEH
A GREAT EVENT


UN-BE-LIEV-ABLE!
TRULY AMAZ-ING!

GRANDMA LOOK!
Open



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NAOTO!

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HUH ?!
THIS TIME, IT'S HARD TO ADMIT, BUT YOU'VE WON.
AH
HAAH
...NEXT TIME, I WON'T LOSE!
THOUGH
OKAY!

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AH!

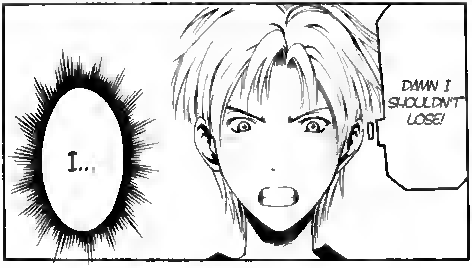
AH! IT'S JIM STELS!
HE HAS BALLS TO COME UP TO TSURUGI!
YOU DON'T
HAVE THE INTENTION OF QUITTING TENNIS?
OF COURSE NOT!
I WON'T STOP UNTIL I BEAT YOU!
TSU-TSU-RUGI
HEH
C'MON

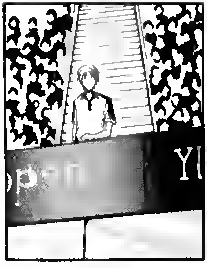
NOT UNTIL YOU REACH YOUR FATHER'S LEVEL
.....
DOESN'T MATTER IF IT LASTS 5 OR 10 YEARS
I WILL CONTINUE TO REIGN OVER THE TENNIS WORLD!
I'LL WAIT FOR YOU...OKITA TSURUGI!

HE'S EXTENDING HIS LEFT HAND TOWARDS ME?!
EH?
I WILL FACE YOU!
IT'S OKAY.
PEOPLE SHAKE THEIR RIGHT HAND WHEN THEY FIGHT.
OKAY!
HMM

ARE YOU WATCHING SHUUJI
.....
NICE! WELL PLAYED, OKITA!
YOUR LEGACY IS IN CAPABLE HANDS
YOU BEAT HIM!

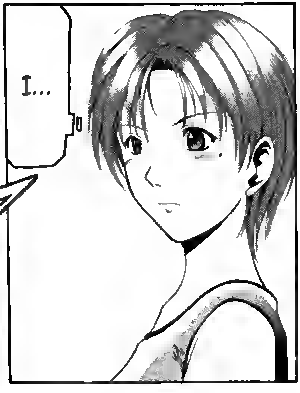
...ONTO THIS BOY!
TRANSMIT YOUR WILL...


I...
DAMN I SHOULDN'T LOSE!



BY THE WAY, WHERE DID YUZUKI'S FATHER GO TO
HUH?

I WANT TO
BECOME STRONGER!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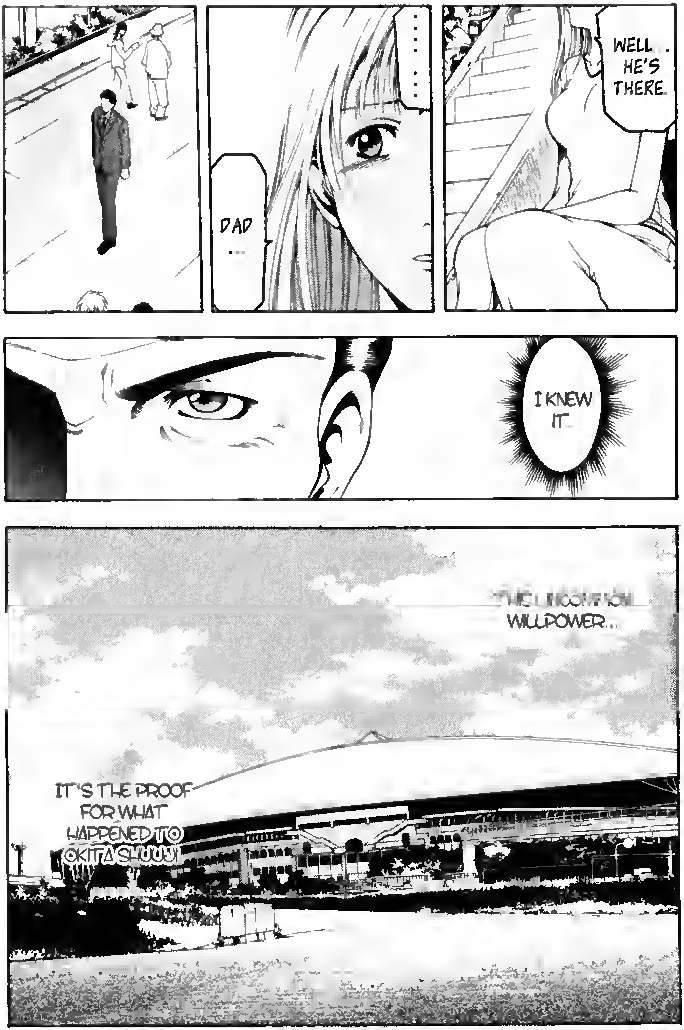
WELL.. HE'S THERE.
.....
DAD ...
I KNEW IT.
THE UNCONTROLLABLE WILLPOWER...
IT'S THE PROOF FOR WHAT HAPPENED TO OKITA SHUUJI

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#14 Rising Sun!

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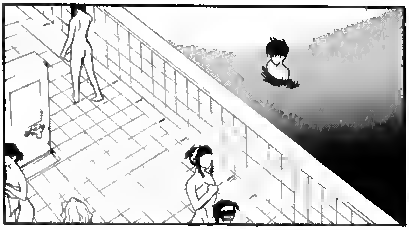

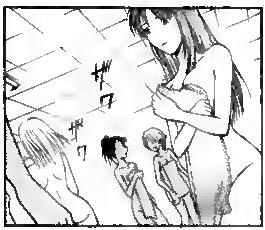
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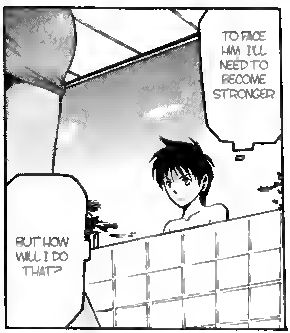
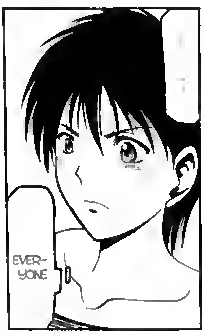
I'LL CONTINUE TO RULE THE TENNIS WORLD!
UNTIL YOU RISE TO YOUR FATHER'S LEVEL.

SHIN-JOU
BECAUSE HE HAD NO OPPONENTS IN OUR CLUB.


TO FACE HIM I'LL NEED TO BECOME STRONGER
BUT HOW WILL I DO THAT?


EVER-YONE

TO GO STUDY ABROAD
.....
IT'S OKAY
I CAN DO IT!
TSURUGI! COME HERE!
I'LL WASH YOUR HAIR!
LEAVE MY MOTHER
AND I
REALLY ....
HMM ...

EH?
...AH!
TS...
TSURUGI!!
I SEE!
I WAS SWEATY, I WASN'T FEELING WELL AND ON TOP OF THAT I COULDN'T BEAR TO STAY LOCKED UP INSIDE FOR ANY LONGER
I...
I'M SORRY!
I HAVEN'T BEEN HERE IN A LONG TIME
BUT MY MOTHER INSISTED ON COMING TODAY

HEY, TSURUGI
W-WHAT?
I'M SO EMBARRASSED
DID YOU KNOW? SHINJOU'S GOING BACK TO SWEDEN TOMORROW
HUH?
WHY?
BUT HE SAID HE'LL STAY IN JAPAN FOR AWHILE...
COULD IT BE BECAUSE HE'S UPSET THAT HE LOST AGAINST YOU...?
AGAINST ME?
HE SAID THAT BY PLAYING AGAINST NEW PEOPLE,
HE WILL BECOME EVEN STRONGER THAN HE IS NOW...

YOU CAN BECOME STRONGER LIKE THAT?
YES
THERE AREN'T MANY GOOD PLAYERS IN JAPAN
AND WHAT ABOUT SWEDEN?
I GUESS
MAYBE
TSURUGI
I WANT TO GO
HEY, TSU-RUGI!
YOU
HAVE YOU ALREADY WASHED YOUR HAIR?
HMM
BY PLAYING AGAINST THEM

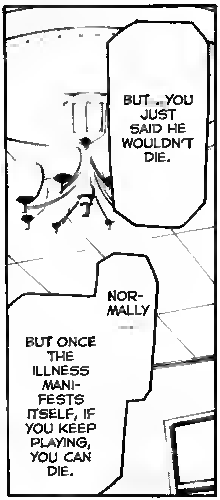
I'M GOING TO BECOME STRONGER!
REALLY? NAOTO
YES
THE SPRING HOLIDAY IS ALMOST OVER.
NOW THAT YOU KNOW HOW STRONG TSURUGI REALLY IS...
YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE A SMALL BREAK, RIGHT?
DON'T SAY THINGS LIKE THAT.
HE WILL CERTAINLY...
HE TOLD YOU?
GO ABROAD SOON
HIS EYES...
TOLD ME...

FUJIGAWA
YES
THE HEART FOR SPORTS?
NO MATTER WHAT STRENGTH AND LUNG CAPACITY YOU HAVE, IF YOU PUSH TOO HARD, A CARDIAC HYPER-TROPHY MAY OCCUR.
THIS IS A VERY COMMON OCCURRENCE AMONG SPORTSMEN.
WHAT'S THAT...

AH...
I CAME HERE JUST TO TALK ABOUT SHUUJI
IF YOU STOP PRACTICING THE SPORT IN ORDER TO HEAL YOURSELF
BUT YOU CAN CHEAT DEATH,

I'LL TELL YOU THE CAUSE OF HIS DEATH.
THEN

HE WENT OVER HIS OWN LIMITS AND IGNORED HIS HEALTH!!
TO COMPENSATE FOR HIS PHYSICAL INFERIORITY IN FRONT OF FOREIGN PLAYERS.

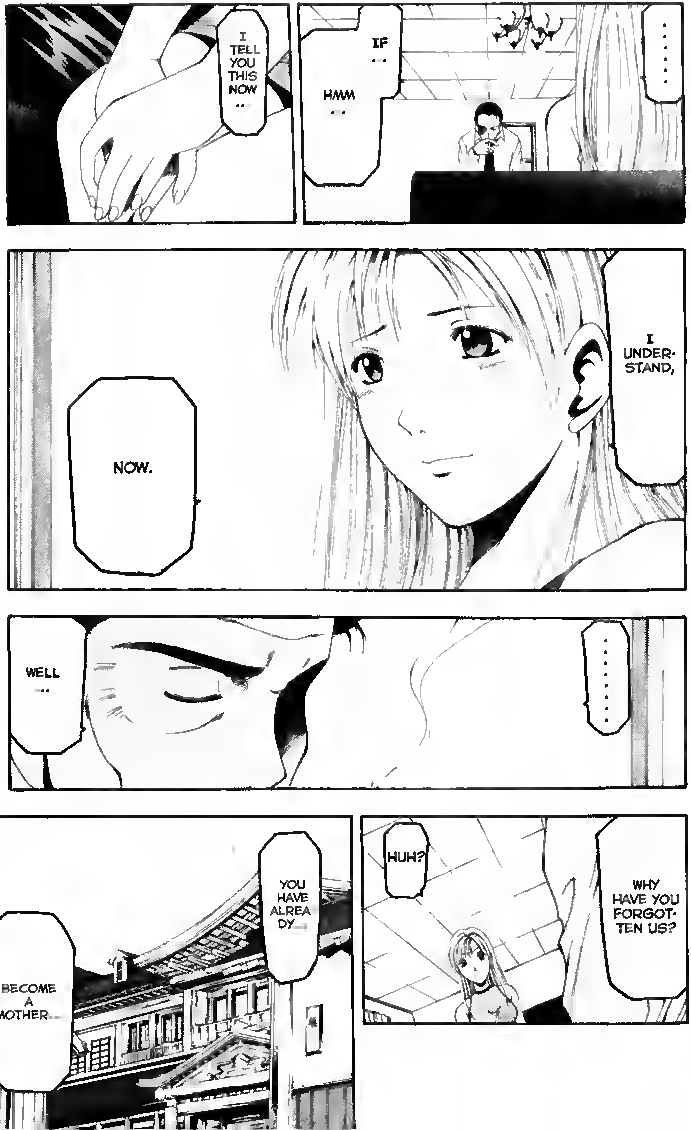

BUT ...YOU JUST SAID HE WOULDN'T DIE.
NORMALLY
BUT ONCE THE ILLNESS MANIFESTS ITSELF, IF YOU KEEP PLAYING, YOU CAN DIE.

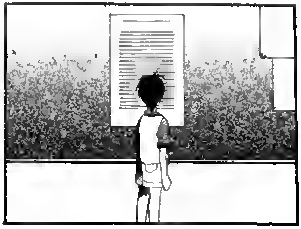
AND YESTERDAY WHILE WATCHING TSURUGI'S GAME,
I CONFIRMED THAT FOR MYSELF.

WITH SUCH STRONG WILLPOWER...
HE WILL PROVE SHUUJI'S INNOCENCE.
BUT THEN TSURUGI TOO...
DON'T WORRY.
ANY WAY,
HEART CONDITIONS AREN'T HEREDITARY.
SHUUJI'S DEATH DOESN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH A VIOLENT SHOCK CAUSED BY DOPING SUBSTANCES.
HE WON'T HAVE THE SAME FATE AS HIS FATHER.
.....

WITHOUT EVIDENCE, IT'S ALL JUST A HYPOTHESIS
BUT... WHY ARE YOU TELLING ME THIS?
BY CONFIRMING IT FASTER, SHUUJI.
EVIDENCE !!?
THIS DOCUMENT WAS WRITTEN BY MISTAKE... SHUUJI'S DEATH CERTIFICATE
...
IT TOOK NINE YEARS...
9 YEARS
WHY?
WHEN I ALREADY CUT TIES WITH YOU...
THEN, FATHER, SINCE THAT TIME, FOR SHUUJI, YOU HAVE...
TO OBTAIN IT.
DON'T SAY SUCH SILLY THINGS

NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO,
YOU'RE STILL MY LITTLE GIRL...
I WANTED TO APOLOGIZE FOR BEING AGAINST YOUR MARRIAGE
.....
BUT I COULDN'T ACCEPT IT.
YOU WERE JUST A CHILD
YOU'VE GROWN SO MUCH .


I TELL YOU THIS NOW ..
IF ..
HMM ..
.....
I UNDER-STAND,
NOW.
WELL ...
.....
HUH?
WHY HAVE YOU FORGOT-TEN US?
YOU HAVE ALREA DY—
BECOME A MOTHER...



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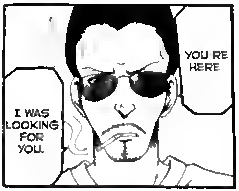

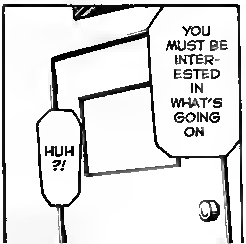

WHY ARE KASUMI AND NINOMIYA HERE?
HUH?
I'M SORRY, I WANTED TO TALK TO YOU YESTERDAY...
WHAT DOES THIS MEAN ?!
WHAT !?!
THEY BOTH WANT TO QUIT THE CLUB.

I'M...
I'M GOING TO STUDY IN FRANCE.
.....
AND I WILL BE IN THE UNITED STATES.
EXCHANGES!?
YOU HAVE COME TO A DECISION REGARDING TSURUGI'S GAME, RIGHT?
BETTER THAN TO BECOME THE FIRST IN THE CLUB ...

GO ABROAD.
I ♥ RB
AND BECOME WORLD CHAMPIONS.
I WANT TO BECOME
STRONGER THAN ALL THE REST!
MIGHT BE IMPOS-SIBLE FOR YOU
THE NEXT TIME WE SEE EACH OTHER, IT WILL BE IN ONE OF THE 4 GREAT TOURNA-MENTS
CHAM-PION

STRONGER THAN I AM RIGHT NOW.
ウィンブルドン WIMBLEDON
I'M HOME!
ENGL-AND
WIMBLE-DON
AH? YOU'RE ALREADY BACK.
HM, YES
WHAT'S WRONG? THE LIGHTS AREN'T EVEN TURNED ON.

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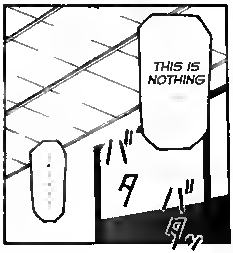
England
Tsuru yuiko


THIS IS NOTHING
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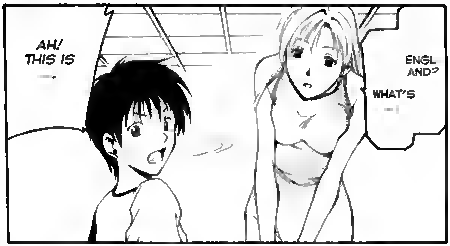
AH! THIS IS
ENGLAND?
WHAT'S

IT'S
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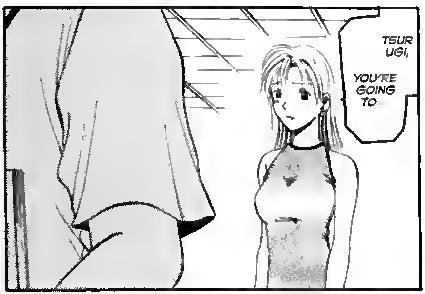
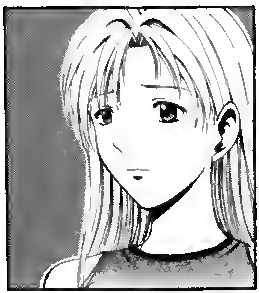

TSURUGI,
YOU'RE GOING TO



LEAVE FOR ENGLAND?
.....
I...
I... WANT TO PLAY AGAINST FOREIGN PLAYERS...
TO BECOME STRONGER THAN I AM NOW...

GUIDE
IT'S WHERE FATHER PLAYED HIS GREATEST GAME
AND I WANT TO START THERE
I SEE.
BUT WHY ENGLAND?!
YOU WERE JUST A CHILD
BUT I COULDN'T ACCEPT IT
YOU'RE ALREADY FAR AWAY.
NO!
BUT... NOT RIGHT AWAY.
I WANT TO WAIT UNTIL I'M A BIT OLDER...

T/N YEAH... YOU ARE WHAT... NINE?

Q/C: SEO KOUJI SURE LOVES BOOBS.

HUH?
REALLY...
I NOTICED.
HOW!?
AFTER THE LAST TOURNAMENT I'VE FELT THAT YOU WERE TROUBLED..
AS IF YOU WANTED TO TELL ME SOMETHING.
WELL...
IF I WEREN'T HERE, YOU WOULD LIVE ALONE, AND...
WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME RIGHT AWAY?
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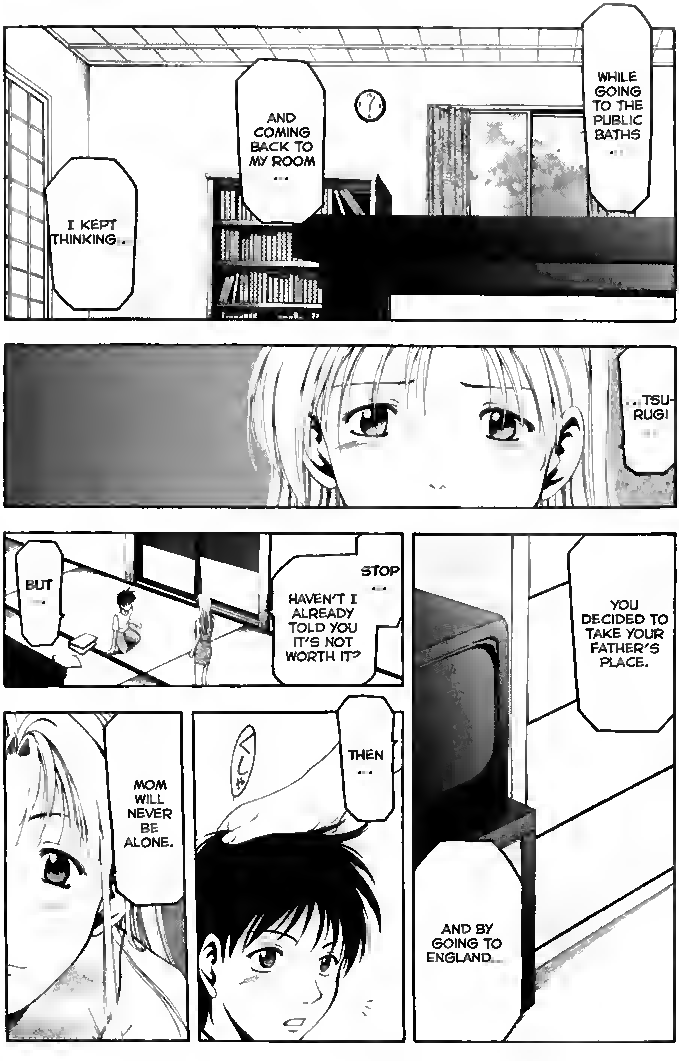
WHILE GOING TO THE PUBLIC BATHS...
AND COMING BACK TO MY ROOM...
I KEPT THINKING..
..TSUGU
YOU DECIDED TO TAKE YOUR FATHER'S PLACE.
AND BY GOING TO ENGLAND...
STOP...
HAVEN'T I ALREADY TOLD YOU IT'S NOT WORTH IT?
BUT...
THEN...
MOM WILL NEVER BE ALONE.

EVEN IF WE ARE APART.
TSURUGI WILL REMAIN MOMMY'S DEAREST.
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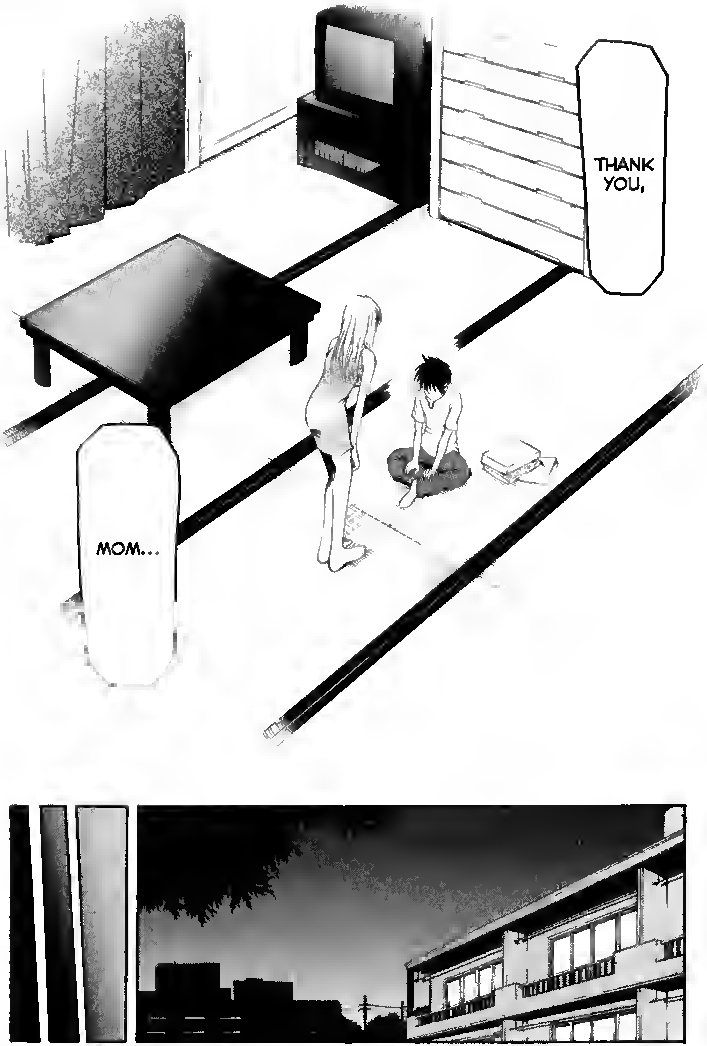
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
DO WHAT MAKES YOU HAPPY.
...YEAH.


THANK YOU,
MOM...

A few months later,
In April.
Yamanobe Tennis Club
コツ…
HEY, LOOK!
THAT'S OUR NEW COACH?

Q/C I'M SHOCKED... WHERE'S THE SKIMPY TENNIS OUTFIT?
Dear Tsuruga,
Are you well?
NICE TO MEET YOU!
YES...I CAN'T WAIT!
Your mother is doing well!
YOU'RE GOING TO SEE THE NEW MEMBERS.
WE APOLOGIZE FOR ASKING YOU TO BE COACH.
YES!
OWW!!
Your mother really has a lot in common with tennis!
ARE YOU OK?!
As I am a great coach, everyone supports me!
WATCH OUT, YUZURI!
HUH?!
Starting this spring I am a coach at the Yamanobe club.

GAME, SET AND MATCH, SANADA !!
So, since going abroad, have you made any new friends?
Everyone seem= to be doing well on their end!
Tsurugi, you must become unbeatable.

So —
Keep having fun until the next time.
Love, mom.
.....
Q/C SAMURAI BOY | LOL, JUST LOL
WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU, SAMURAI BOY!
LET'S GO!!
EACH ON THEIR OWN END
WE'RE GETTING THERE...
YO!
TODAY I'M RELAXED !!

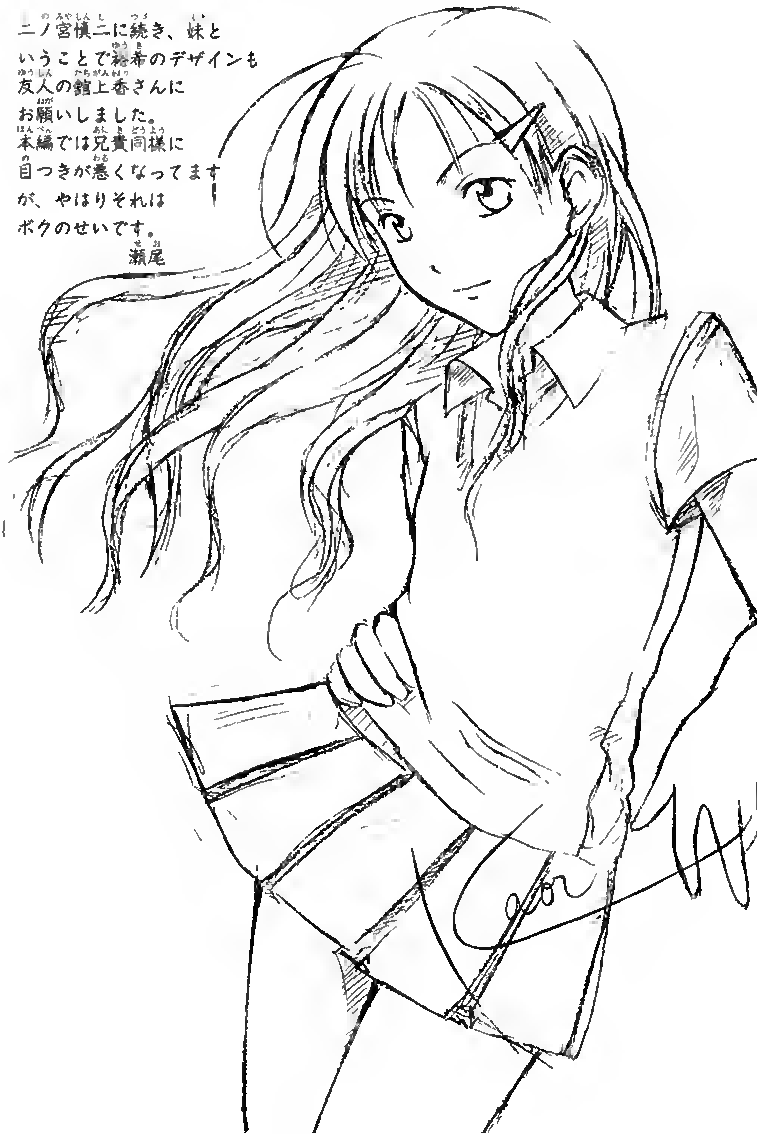
GAME START !!
OKITA, SERVING !!
EACH ON THEIR OWN END
WILL I LOSE?
OK!
NO MATTER HOW STRONG MY OPPONENT'S ARE,
I HAVE TO BEAT THEM ALL.
IN ORDER TO BECOME STRONGER THAN I AM RIGHT NOW!

MY BATTLE,
STARTS HERE!!
～完～

デザイナーさんのページ

二ノ宮慎二に続き、妹ということで綾希のデザインも友人の舘上香さんにお願いしました。
本編では兄貴同様に目つきが悪くなってますが、やはりそれはボクのせいです。

瀬尾



巻末おまけマンガ"死のドライブ・デッド・オア・デッド"の巻

前回のあらすじ——
気合いと幸運で免許をGETした海鳴は友人の車でドライブに出かけた

本当に大丈夫だろうなお前

へーきへーき 幸運一発合格だぜオレは！

リトライ

せ 瀬尾さん お願いだからもうやめてください

ガタ ガタ ブルブル

へーキだってさっきから順調に走ってるじゃん

いきなりエンスト

ガッコン ガッコン

おいっ!! ブレーキとクラッチ間違えてるぞ!!

はっはっジョークジョークー

お おい 前見ろって!! 道ねェぞ!!

うわっ!!

キキキッ

そしてなぜかバック

ブォォン

ギア間違えてるって!!

はっはっジョークジョークー

そっちは対向車線だって!!

プァーン

うわあぁっ!!

うわ～～っ!! ブレーキ踏めーっ!!

踏んでるよっ!!

だからそれはクラッチだって!!

30秒で降ろされた

降りろっ!!

ドゲシー

それ以降 二度と運転はしてません

完

※全てノンフィクションです。

キャラクタープロフィール

沖田 剣(3年生)

身長143cm　体重35kg　O型

この物語の主人公。トッププレーヤー2人を
両親に持つ、テニス界のサラブレッド。
とにかく負けず嫌い。
父から受け継いだライジングショットと
守りを完全に捨てた超攻撃的な
ネットプレーが武器。

真田 霞(5年生)

身長150cm　体重?　A型　B・W・Hは成長中

ジュニアの大会で2年連続日本一の
経験を持つ5年生。
沖田 杜に憧れてテニスを始める。
鉄壁の守りで相手の疲れを誘う、
ベースラインプレーを得意としている。

二ノ宮慎二(3年生)

身長168cm　体重56kg　B型

剣と同時にテニスクラブに入るが、
テニスは経験者でかなりのプレーヤー。
父親は自衛隊の幕僚監部に勤務。
メチャメチャ金持ち。
一撃必殺のパワーテニスを指向する
ビッグ・サーバー。

新城尚豊(5年生)

身長160cm　体重48kg　AB型

スウェーデンに留学してテニスを
学ぶ天才少年。
騎士の称号を持つ。
天性の手首から繰り出される無敵の
ショットで、他の選手を圧倒する。
プレースタイルは、オールラウンド。

沖田 杠(26歳)

身長163cm　体重49kg　O型
B86　W57　H87

剣の母親。
大ボケでお風呂好き。そして元世界ランク
4位の名プレーヤー。
沖田修二とのダブルスは最強だった。
実は良家のご令嬢。

沖田修二(享年20歳)

身長169cm　体重53kg　O型

剣の父。電光石火のスピードと必殺の
ライジングショットで日本人初の
ウィンブルドン優勝をなしとげるが
試合終了直後に急死する。
どんなに辛い時でも笑っていられるすごい人。
テニスバカ。

舘上コーチ(29歳)

身長186cm　体重80kg　O型

山野辺テニスクラブのチーフコーチで、昔は修二の
ライバルだった。顔がコワイのでみんなから
恐れられているが、本当は子供好きのいい人。
杠さんにベタ惚れ。
老け顔。

ジム・ステルス(26歳)

身長191cm　体重85kg　AB型

ウィンブルドンで修二と決勝を戦った、
スウェーデン出身のビッグ・サーバー。
現在は不動の世界ランク1位。
無口な上に感情を表直に
表現することも苦手だが
いつかは剣と戦うことを望んでいる。

ルシール先生(27歳)

身長173cm　体重?　A型

新城が通うスクールのコーチで、
ジュニア育成に関しては定評がある。
ステルスとの関係は不明、婚約者というウワサもある。

山野辺オーナー(68歳)

身長162cm　体重50kg　A型

山野辺テニスクラブのオーナー。
子供達には、なにより、テニスを楽しんで
ほしいと願う。
剣のことが大好きで自分の孫のように思っている。

湯川大介(6年生)

身長144cm　体重37kg　B型

(株)湯川グループの御曹子。
ボールが真横に跳ねるスーパースライスカーブが武器。
とにかく自信家でイヤミなヤツだが根は善人。

二ノ宮裕希(3年生)

身長140cm　体重?　B型
B・W・Hは成長中

二ノ宮慎二の双子の妹。
高慢で勝ち気なお嬢様。かなりの
ブラコンで兄に近づく女は全て敵にしか見えない。
霞の胸に嫉妬している。

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